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'ahd lauds courage of wounded soldiers

JEDDAH, Dec. 9 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd visited the soldiers wounded in attack on the renegades who took over Holy Haram in Mecca and wished them speedy recovery.

The prince chatted with the servicemen by one.

He told them he was proud for their sacrifice for the sake of the religion and country thanked God for having granted them victory of the renegades.

He said "by your action, you honored your people and your government and you at home and abroad is grateful to you."

The Crown Prince was deputizing for King Fahd.

He added military experts had speculated the recapturing of the Holy Mosque from the hands of the renegades would take months, but you cleaned and combed mosque in record time thanks to your devotion and your sacrifice in the holiest of places.

He told them that God had bestowed the test favor on them by selecting them for sacrifice and that their wounds were in the most honorable medals for them and their families.

He said "Your lives are very dear to us; but envy you for having earned God's favor in manner."

Prince Fahd moved from bed to bed while tending the soldiers and wished them a day recovery followed by good health.

The prince was met and seen off at Jeddah airport by Commander of the West Province Gen. Mansour Al-Shu'aibi, by director of the hospital and by the heads of various wards and the medical staff.

Sudanese sign oil concession

HARTOUM, Dec. 9 (AP) — Sudan's Ministry of Energy signed an agreement with the American oil company East-Texas, granting it exploration rights on Red Sea coastal area, the official Sudanese news agency reported.



Prince Saud Al-Faisal



King Khalid

CREDENTIALS : King Khalid Sunday received the credentials of British Ambassador James Craig and Venezuelan Ambassador Jose Alejandro Sone in a ceremony in Riyadh also attended by Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal and Special Adviser Dr. Rashad Pharaon. Earlier Sunday the King received a message from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein dealing with petroleum matters and the upcoming Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries meeting in Caracas on Dec. 17. The message was conveyed to the King by Iraqi Minister of Endowments Nouri Faisal Shaher at a meeting also attended by Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah.

Villages hit

Haddad militia opens fire

BEIRUT, Dec. 9 (AP) — Israeli-backed militia opened a two-hour artillery barrage on a string of southern Lebanese villages Saturday, inflicting heavy material damage and wounding an unspecified number of villagers, a U.N. spokesman said.

Spokesman Samir Sanbar said the villages of Tibnine, Tayer, Haddatha and Haris—10 to 15 kilometers north of Israel's border—were shelled by militia gunners loyal to Lebanese army renegade Maj. Saad Haddad.

The stricken villages are within an area policed by the eight-nation U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

"There are several civilian casualties and a U.N. medical team has been sent down there," said Sanbar.

The Lebanese state radio also reported that the central sector of the 59-mile-long border was shelled by Israeli gunners and gun emplacements in Haddad's breakaway "free Lebanon" state along the Israeli border.

The broadcast said that Israel was escalating attacks in the border region to forestall a U.N. Security Council option to extend the mandate of UNIFIL in the southern Lebanese regions.

The U.N. spokesman said the shelling was often aimed at UNIFIL-policed areas.

In Tel Aviv, an Israeli army spokesman claimed this was untrue.

UNIFIL deployed in southern Lebanon in the wake of the March, 1978 Israeli invasion. It has since been trying to disengage Haddad's militia and forces of the Palestinian commandos and their Lebanese allies.

Travellers from the southern villages said that Haddad has been trying to impose a hegemonic arrangement in the region. Village mayors have refused an invitation to a meeting with Haddad, who reportedly asked them to pay their taxes to him and renounce all links with the Beirut government.

The U.N. headquarters in Jerusalem issued a statement charging that the shelling came in retaliation for the refusal of local mayors to attend the meeting in Haddad-controlled territory. The message to the village leaders, according to the U.N., concluded, "if you do not come, responsibility will be yours."

The U.N. also reported that one seriously wounded woman was taken to a UNIFIL hospital.

Annual report issued

Amnesty cites torture increase

LONDON, Dec. 9 (AP) — Torture, arbitrary arrests, political imprisonment and staged disappearances formed a global pattern of human rights abuse in 1979, Amnesty International said Sunday.

In a year-end report detailing violations in 96 countries, the Nobel Prize-winning group warned of dangerous new trends.

"In many parts of the world political opponents are increasingly being threatened with the death penalty and, in numerous cases, executed," wrote Amnesty Secretary General Martin Ennals in his introduction to the 219-page summary.

While large numbers of political dissenters were released this year, "elsewhere, thousands of prisoners are still held without trial years after their arrest," Ennals said.

Major violators of human rights, according to Amnesty, included:

Guatemala, where 770 unidentified bodies of apparent murder victims were found in one cemetery.

Uganda, whence the former dictator Idi Amin murdered an estimated 300,000 believed opposed to his regime.

Vietnam, where at least 10,000 citizens are held in "re-education" camps for political reasons.

The Soviet Union, where dissidents are still sent to psychiatric institutions despite international condemnation.

The London group nevertheless praised what it saw as an increase in world concern for human rights.

In the United States, Amnesty said it is investigating allegations that illegal aliens from Mexico and Mexican-Americans are "victims of systematic ill-treatment" and other claims that the prosecutions of some American Indians and blacks are politically motivated.

"The large number of people under sentence of death in the United States, nearly 500 at the time of writing, continues to be a matter of great concern."

Most of Amnesty's adopted prisoners of conscience were in the USSR or Eastern Europe.

But Israelis predict delay

Sadat, Begin to hold talks Jan. 4

CAIRO, Dec. 9 (Agencies) — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat said Sunday he will meet Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin in Aswan, Egypt, Jan. 4 to discuss talks on Palestinian autonomy.

Wednesday Begin had said the meeting would be Jan. 1. Sadat, who was speaking to reporters after talks with President Jimmy Carter's new Middle East envoy Sol Linowitz gave no reason for the change in date.

Begin, when he announced his visit, said Sadat had suggested either Dec. 31 or Jan. 1 as dates and that he had decided on the latter date.

But an Israeli foreign minister said Sunday Begin and Sadat may postpone their summit for a week for lack of hotel accommodations in Aswan, an Israeli spokesman said Sunday.

Foreign ministry spokesman Michael Shiloah said Jan. 7 was now the most likely date for the summit, the ninth between the two leaders since Sadat's 1977 visit to Jerusalem.

Shiloah said the Egyptians were worried that New Year's holiday makers had reserved most of the available hotel space and there wouldn't be enough room for the large party of journalists that normally accompany Begin.

Loss of confidence in America

Kuwait finance minister deplores U.S. funds freeze

NICOSIA, Dec. 9 (R) — Kuwait's finance minister has said in an interview to be published here Monday that the United States had no excuse for retaliating against Iraqis by freezing their assets.

Abdel Al-Rahman Al-Atiqi told the journal *Middle East Economic Survey* (MEES): "perhaps the United States would have an excuse for retaliating against the Iraqis by holding their ambassador or something like that, but not for freezing their money."

Iranian students have been holding 50 hostages in the U.S. embassy in Tehran for more

than a month. They are demanding the extradition from the U.S. of the deposed Shah.

Al-Atiqi described the U.S. move as shocking to the whole world and having implications of a most dangerous and serious kind.

He said reassurances from the United States were of no use.

"The West tells us that the assets of the Gulf countries are safe," he said. "But once confidence is shaken, it is very difficult to restore it and media campaigns in the U.S. do not generally distinguish between Iraqis

and Arabs.

"They just lump them all together as oil producers and petrodollar holders and call for them to get out of the U.S. How can you restore confidence in these circumstances?"

Asked if he thought that the U.S. freeze would reinforce the tendency among cash-rich oil exporters toward reducing oil output rather than piling up additional assets in the West, the minister replied, "yes, I do."

He said the most serious implication of the freeze concerned the interpretation of national security.

New peace bid seen

Diplomats to visit Tehran

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (Agencies) — A number of Middle Eastern and European governments are sending representatives to Iran to discuss the release of 50 American hostages held in Tehran, U.S. officials said here, Saturday night.

The officials declined to name the countries involved but said the representatives were either already on their way to Iran or planning to leave soon.

Last Tuesday the United Nations Security Council passed a unanimous resolution calling for the release of the hostages, who have been held by militant students at the U.S. Embassy since Nov. 4.

U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance was to leave Washington Sunday for brief visits to London, Paris, Rome and Bonn to reinforce support for U.S. attempts at securing the release of the hostages.

Vance will also be meeting Japanese Foreign Minister Saburo Okita in Paris for talks on the crisis.

The officials declined to provide details of the talks to be held in Tehran by the foreign representatives.

They said U.S. views formulated in the past 10 days by President Jimmy Carter and top aides had been conveyed to these representatives and presumably would be put to Iranian officials.

At the same time, they stressed that the U.S. position was that it will not enter into negotiations until the hostages are released.

In Tehran Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh announced that no date has been set for the trial or release of hostages held at the U.S. Embassy here, Tehran Radio said Sunday.

"The hostages are all right, they're okay," Ghotbzadeh was quoted as saying as he came out of a late Saturday night meeting of the revolutionary council.

The foreign minister had told reporters Friday he would make a statement "today or tomorrow" on whether a trial date would be set for the 50 hostages in the occupied embassy whom their student captors suspect of being spies.

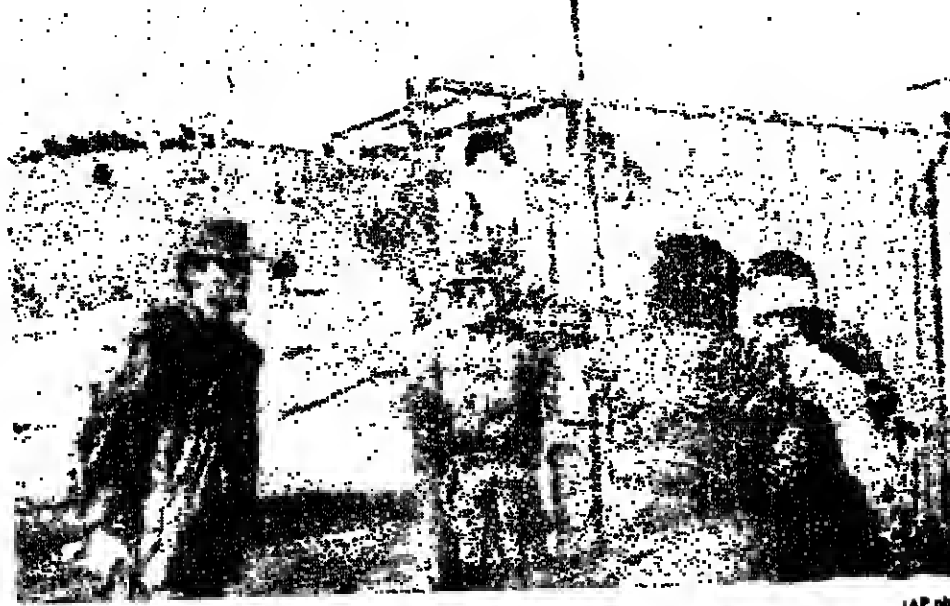
Ghotbzadeh also said he hoped some hostages "not consciously involved in espionage" would be released soon.

Students holding the hostages have already contradicted the foreign minister when he said earlier he believed some of the hostages would be released. The militants say no one will be released till the deposed Shah is returned to Tehran to face trial.

Mohammad Reza Pahlavi is presently at a U.S. Air Force base in Texas, recuperating from medical treatment in a New York hospital.

And in The Hague, informed sources said Sunday Iran will boycott a World Court hearing Monday of a United States plea to order the release of the hostages.

The court sources said Iran had not



COMMUNICATIONS : Supporters of Ayatollah Shariat-Madari stand guard on the radio-television station in Tabriz Sunday prior to its recapture by revolutionary guard loyal to Ayatollah Khomeini.

responded officially to a telegram sent by the court, a United Nations body, nine days ago.

Ghotbzadeh has said the court is not competent to handle the affair.

U.S. representative Roberts Owen, a State Department legal adviser, will ask the 15-judge bench to order Iran to free the hostages seized Nov. 4.

The United States is also seeking condemnation of Iran for alleged violations of international law, payment of damages and a court order compelling the Iranian government to prosecute the students holding the hostages.

Unless Iran changes its mind at the last minute and sends a lawyer, the hearing could end Monday evening, the sources said.

Judges may question Owen after he states the U.S. case and then adjourn to consider their verdict which is expected to be delivered in a few days.

U.S. officials said that Iran is bound to accept the ruling because it has signed four international conventions which confer jurisdiction on the court.

Owen, who arrived Sunday with deputy legal adviser Stephen Schwab, will tell the judges that Iran has breached treaties intended to ensure the safety of diplomats.

The court can hear a case even if one of the parties does not take an active part in the proceedings.

In a related development, supporters of Ayatollah Khomeini, Iran's revolutionary leader, Sunday recaptured the radio and television station in Tabriz in northwestern Iran, seized by armed dissidents last Thursday.

One of its captors told Reuters by telephone that the 40 militants holding the station had surrendered and nobody had been injured.

To replace Elon Moreh

Israel to start new outpost

TEL AVIV, Dec. 9 (R) — Israel's cabinet decided Sunday that work should start immediately on a new site for a controversial Jewish settlement which a court has ordered to be dismantled.

Settlers at the Elon Moreh hilltop outpost, overlooking the main Palestinian town of Nablus on the occupied West Bank evacuated one third of the settlement on November 22.

This followed a successful appeal by its landowners to an Israeli court, which declared the settlement illegal.

The occupiers were given a further month to abandon the rest of the settlement and move to a new site several kilometers away at Jebel Kabir.

The High Court of Justice ordered land to be returned to its Palestinian owners, after rejecting a government claim that Elon Moreh was "essential" for Israel's security.

Under international law an occupying country can confiscate private land only for defense purposes. The new settlement site is on common land and will cost an initial 60 million Israeli pounds (\$2 million).

Of office seizure

Libya denies PLO charge

LONDON, Dec. 9 (R) — The official Libyan news agency has denied reports from Beirut that Libyan security men have sealed off the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) office in Tripoli.

A commentary by the agency's political editor said Palestinian offices in the Libyan capital had not been surrounded, there was no Libyan press campaign against the Palestinians and there were no problems between the two sides.

In Beirut, Palestinian sources said Libyan security men encircled the PLO office in Tripoli several days ago and that a PLO delegation left Lebanon for Libya Saturday to try to defuse growing tension.

Meanwhile, Yasser Arafat appealed to Libya Saturday to desist from attacking Palestine Liberation Organization offices in the Libyan capital, the Palestinian news agency Wafa reported.

After an emergency meeting of the PLO Executive Committee in Beirut, Arafat issued a statement through Wafa calling on the Libyans "in the interest of maintaining fraternal bonds ... to stop this information attack on us without delay."

Palestinian sources said Arafat was deeply upset by the Libyan



Yasser Arafat

"revolutionary Committees" that seized the PLO office in Tripoli.

Arafat's statement underscored the PLO's determination to avoid meddling in the internal affairs of Libya or any other Arab power. It also reaffirmed his "rejection of any attempt by any power whatsoever to interfere with the PLO's organizations and policy."

"The PLO will not bend to revolutionary experiments other than these laid down and accepted by the Palestinian people themselves," Arafat insisted in his statement.

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No tribal links in assault on mosque, Salman says

JEDDAH, Dec. 9 — Nationality will be disregarded during the trial of the attackers of the Holy Haram in Mecca, and they will be given the punishments ordained by God, Riyadh Governor Prince Salman says. Their crime was prompted by deviation from faith.

In an interview published by *Al-Riyadh* Sunday, the prince said that foreign press reporting was erroneous during the incident. News agencies wrongly speculated that the incident had a tribal character. Moreover, they made mistakes in the names of tribes and people and failed to give the right area for each tribe, he added.

He emphasized that the renegades had no tribal links or kinship in common, and even included some foreigners.

Prince Salman said that the security forces had had a hard time trying to control the irate public. Throngs of citizens would have stormed the mosque if they could

to battle with the renegades and sacrifice their lives for their most sacred shrine.

He rejected allegations that an over-religious culture could have led to such reaction as an attack on the Holy Haram, saying that on the contrary, had they been truly religious, their religious sense would have deterred them from the deed.

The governor said that not a single member of the group had been able to escape the police cordon and infiltrate other areas.

He did not accuse any particular country or ideology, but he said that the attackers were brainwashed by the enemies of Islam and influenced by alien attitudes. "They wanted to strike at the heart of our being," he said, "but exactly the opposite happened. The experience prompted the Saudi people to draw closer together as a family."

Prince Salman also said that the

results of the investigation will be made public as soon as possible, and that Saudi newspapers have already given full details of the incident, including even the tendencies and thoughts of the renegades.

He added that the government will strike with an iron fist at whoever tries to disturb the peace or play havoc with the security of the country.

Minister of the Interior Prince Naif meanwhile arrived in Riyadh Saturday from the Western Region where he took part in supervising the control and cleaning of the Holy Haram. He was active in the operation with Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan and Mecca Governor Prince Fawaz.

He was received at the airport by Prince Salman, governor of Riyadh, Prince Sattam, deputy governor of Riyadh, Prince Ahmad, deputy minister of the interior, Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, president of Youth Welfare, other members of the royal family, Gen. Fayez Awfi, director of Public Security, and other senior military and civilian officials.

Meanwhile, Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasie Sunday conveyed to King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd the congratulations of all Muezzins and Imams of mosques in Riyadh on the clearing of the Holy Haram.

He hailed the government's wise policy and keenness to preserve human life, especially the lives of worshippers who happened to be in the mosque as the profanation took place.



Prince Salman

Fateh man says PLO helps Beirut government

RIYADH, Dec. 9 (SPA) — The Palestine Liberation Organization is not the opponent of legitimacy in Lebanon, says Rafiq Al-Natcha, Fateh's representative in Saudi Arabia.

Natcha was quoted by *Al-Riyadh* newspaper Sunday as saying that the PLO was trying to help the legitimate government establish its authority throughout the country.

He also said that the Palestinians considered themselves no

more than guests in Lebanon and that they will not remain there when they can return home after liberating their land.

He added that the Palestinians will always remember Lebanese hospitality and support for their cause.

He said: "If there are certain reasons for certain circumstances compelling the Palestinians to change their movements or tactics from one side to another, these are part of a military plan for the Palestinian revolution."

He also said that, in principle, the Palestinians will not accept that the boundaries of their country be closed against their fight with Israel.

He stressed that the Palestinian's permanent battle is from within the occupied territories, but this will never be an alternative to the battle outside them.

Natcha said that the organization's efforts to gain international recognition were becoming more intense, but that these depended primarily on the efforts of the Palestinian combatants who made the events.

Saudi Comment

By Abdullah Omer Khayyat

Al-Jezrah

A familiar sight in Riyadh and Jeddah airports is the thousands of cars parked there almost on a permanent basis. It is as if their owners have forgotten them. Some are covered with dust and others have flat tires.

A few months ago Jeddah Municipality did a sensible thing by providing parking space for nearly 1,000 cars at the Jeddah corniche, to enable people to find room for their cars while they do business or shop in the town center.

But despite the vast area allocated to parking the crisis remains. It can take a long time to find parking because owners of shops and bank staff, shopkeepers and people living in the vicinity park their cars there at all times. This is identical to what is happening at Riyadh and Jeddah airports, where permanently parked cars have always denied others a chance.

I believe the solution lies in parking meters for any wait exceeding an hour or two. Cars that exceed the time limit should be towed away by the Traffic

Department, as is the case elsewhere. If we do that we shall soon find all our streets and public squares choked with parked cars. There will be parking space for those who have to drive downtown or anywhere else on business or shopping.

By Ibrahim Al-Dualej

Al-Medina

A few days ago I published a letter from a woman complaining of motorists who refused to save her and her seriously wounded companions after a road accident in the Southern Province. In the accident her brother-in-law died and her husband was fatally injured, but few bothered to stop for fear of being interrogated, she said.

We have frequently reported Interior Minister Prince Naif and his deputy Prince Ahmad as saying that rescuing and helping accident victims will involve questioning by the police. It is humanitarian duty that should not be shirked. Those who help will be thanked and admired, it said.

There is therefore no excuse whatever for those who leave victims bleeding to death and drive off though it did not concern them.

SWCC aide dedicates Haql desalination plant

HAQL, Dec. 9 (SPA) — The deputy governor of the Saline Water Conversion Corporation, Isam Jamjoum dedicated Saturday the first phase of the desalination plant in Haql. It produces 120,000 gallons of water a day, and cost SR42.6 million. It was completed in a year and a half.

The desalination plant is on the north-eastern coast on the Gulf of Aqaba. The second phase will be financed in the next budget.

When the second phase is com-

pleted the capacity of the project will be raised to 1.5 million gallons of drinking water daily, in addition to 15 megawatts of electricity, Jamjoum said.

In three years, the plant will be completed and will meet present and future water and power requirements of Haql.

Governor of Haql Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Mazeed inspected the project and unveiled a memorial plaque.

WEATHER

Temperatures will continue to rise in the western and north-western regions. It will be cooler in most areas. Cloud will cover the western and south-western highlands. Winds will be active and south-westerly to south-easterly in the western and north-western regions. They will be moderate and northerly to north-westerly in the north-eastern, central and eastern regions. They may cause occasional sand haze in all areas. Seas will be moderate.

Sunday's temperatures (Maximum, minimum in centigrade)					
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Jeddab	32	21	Wajh	26	14
Riyadb	21	08	Turaif	14	01
Dhahran	22	10	Arar	16	03
Medina	23	11	Sulayyel	33	12
Taif	25	08	Abha	21	06

Late phone bill payers warned of being cut off

JEDDAH, Dec. 9 (SPA) — Saudi Telephone has warned that people who have not paid their telephone bills by Saturday may be cut off.

The company said Sunday that "far too many" bills go unpaid and phones are consequently cut off. Apart from unnecessary inconvenience for the subscriber, it also makes work for Saudi Telephone. Most late payers are reconnected

a few days later, after the reminder.

Saudi Telephone admitted that some subscribers may not receive invoices on time. In the larger cities without street numbering 100 per cent delivery is difficult. It suggests that any subscriber with access to a post office box inform Saudi Telephone of the number so that invoices can be delivered through the post office.

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Plans for high-rise building in areas of Riyadh

RIYADH, Dec. 9 (SPA) — It may ban the construction of high-rise buildings in certain areas. The move would be to ensure that public utilities cope with population growth, during Saturday under Governor Prince Salman, its chairman, Higher Commission for the Development of Riyadh discussed the construction of high-rises. The commission's general secretary, Sheikh Abdullah Al-Said, said after that the building of high-rises is to be limited to the list of areas high on the list of areas too crowded. There are no strains on telephones, electricity, sewage and water.

Prince helps or in Taif

RIYADH, Dec. 9 — An anonymous source has given away 70 plots of land to needy people here, according to Al-Medina Sunday. The plot is of 460 square meters, set for a new ring road. Each beneficiary was given a deed of ownership.

nate with other departments concerned with issuing licenses for high buildings, and distributing them throughout the city.

Naim added that the commission had discussed a project for building a hospital in Arafa, proposed by Dr. Fayed Al-Taba.

The municipality will provide an area of 60,000 square meters for building a hospital in an area inhabited mainly by people of limited income. It will be built by the Islamic Welfare Society, and work will begin as soon as the society received the land, Naim said.

The municipality, in cooperation with the Ministry of Health, will select a site for another hospital, to be built by the ministry, in the southern part of the city. It will cover about 100,000 square meters. Other sites have also been chosen for building clinics in different areas of Riyadh.

The hospital might be located between Batha and Kharj Streets to serve Manfouha, Dar Al-Baida, Azziya, the industrial area and other parts of southern Riyadh.

Work on a project to develop the Government Palace, which will include the governorate, municipality and police headquarters, was reviewed in the meeting, Sheikh Naim said.

A royal decree has recently been issued granting the land on which the present airport stands to the municipality of Riyadh once the new airport is completed. The municipality will sell it in auction to raise money for projects.

On behalf of the commission he thanked King Khaled for his noble

act in issuing the decree, and also thanked Prince Salman and Prince Setam, the deputy governor, for their efforts.

Land for university graduates will also be distributed as soon as possible, he said.

Al-Riyadh meanwhile reported Sunday that the Ministry of Public Works and Housing will carry out rush housing projects for about 4,000 units in Mecca, Medina and Qasim.

Meeting elects general secretary

University body picks Riyadh HQ

RIYADH, Dec. 9 (SPA) — The Arab Universities Federation chose Riyadh as its permanent headquarters. The federation's board, meeting in Riyadh, also elected Dr. Sultan Al-Shawi, rector of Baghdad University, as its general secretary and Dr. Muhammad Al-Daim, from Libya, as assistant general secretary.

The federation's temporary headquarters are in Baghdad.

Dr. Mansour Al-Turki, rector of Riyadh University and chairman of the session, said after the evening meeting that the decision on the permanent headquarters was made after hearing a report by a Committee of Eight set up by the previous conference.

The board also cabled King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd congratulating them on crushing the renegades who terrorized the Holy Haram and praised the gov-



Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail

Minister stresses developing management

RIYADH, Dec. 9 (SPA) — Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail opened a seminar on the duties and problems of management here Saturday.

He emphasized the importance of management nowadays and said that every manager was obliged to follow what was happening in the country and outside. A manager had to give special consideration to the extensive improvement programs, not only in economic and social develop-

ment, but also in administrative reform.

The minister drew attention toward the development of technology in the world, and said there was need to cope with the man-

power shortage in the Kingdom and to train Saudis.

He stressed the importance of the seminar in meeting the challenges of progress, and expressed the hope that it would help find solutions to the problems of

administration.

Deputy ministers, heads of government departments and managers are attending the four-day seminar, which is being held at the Institute of Public Administration in Riyadh.

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Coast to Coast

Plumbing deliveries start

JEDDAH, Dec. 9 — Equipment ordered from a British company specializing in the design of plumbing systems is beginning to be delivered to Saudi Arabia.

The British Embassy said Sunday that the £400,000 order for waste, cold water and underground drainage systems placed with Key Terrain, of London, by its distributor in Saudi Arabia, Al-Riyat, is another order for soil and

water systems has been received by Key Terrain from contractors working in the Middle East. This one is valued at £108,000.

The embassy also said that Wickes (International) A.G., an international company registered in Switzerland, has opened a British buying office for building materials and forest products for shipment to the Middle East.

Working as the British branch of the company, the office will be buying and shipping building materials and allied products for the

Wickes marketing outlets in the Middle East.

With operations in Riyadh and Al-Khobar in the Eastern Province, Wickes already has a large market in the area. It is planning expansion into other Middle Eastern countries, including Kuwait, Oman and Egypt.

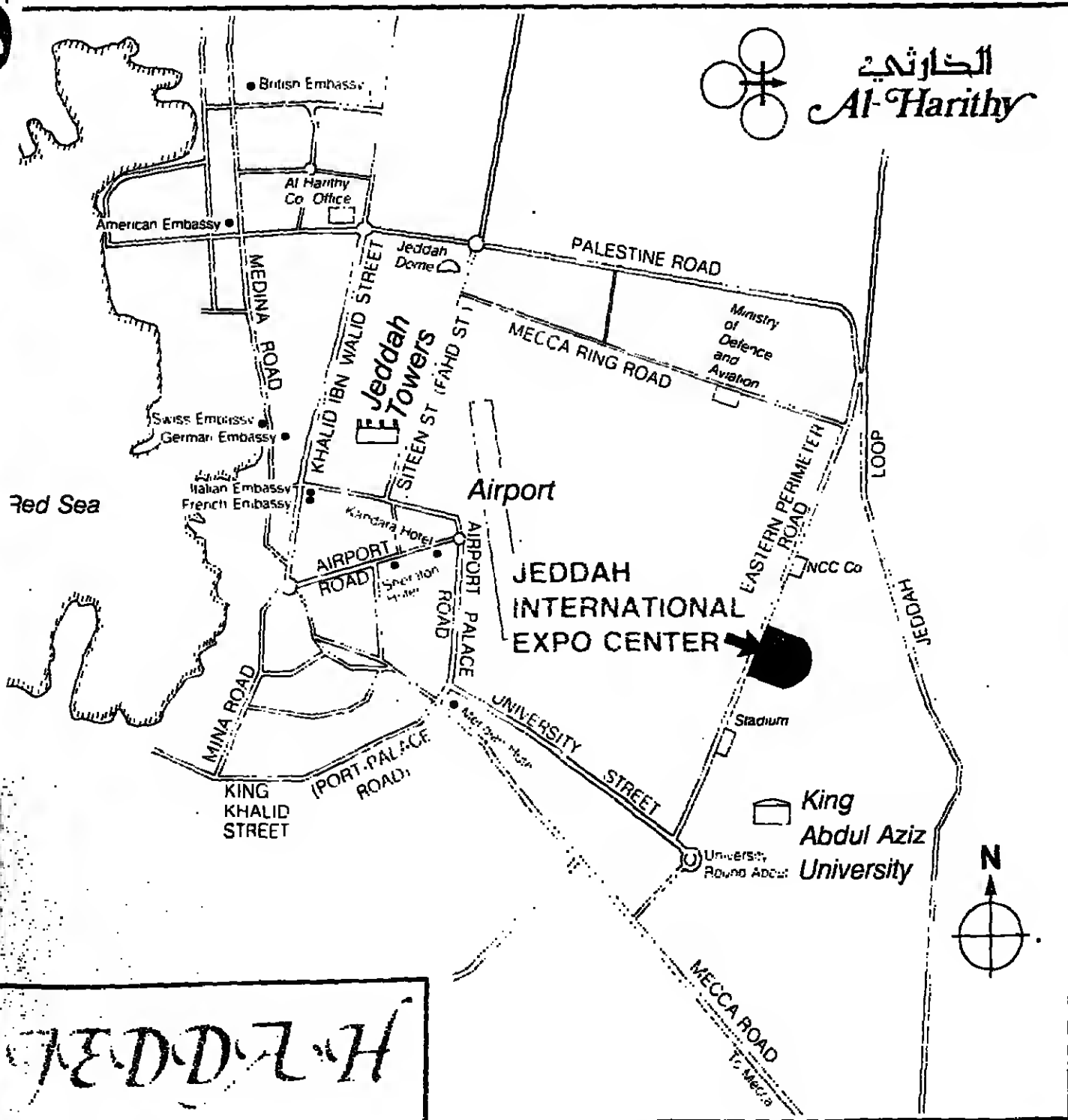
Wickes is a diversified international company with interests in retailing, wholesale and manufacturing — the majority of them with timber, building materials and agricultural equipment. (LPS)

Dr. Tawfiq Al-Tamimy, dean of the faculty of medicine, has had recent talks with the director of medical services of Aramco on the possibility of cooperating in using his company's hospitals for the benefit of the students of the faculty.

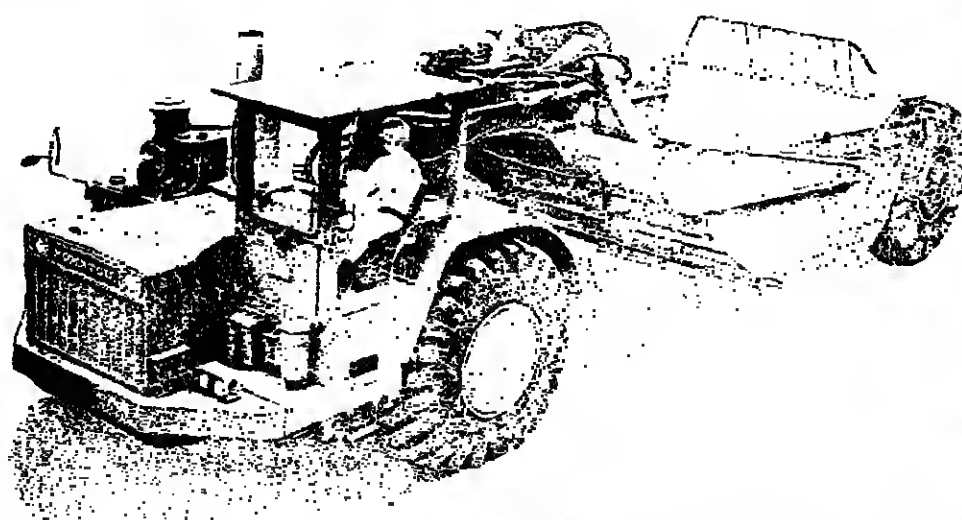
It was meanwhile reported that the Nationalist Chinese Education Ministry has requested its National Cheng-chi University in Taipei to carry on research on comparative studies of Islamic teachings and Chinese ethics.

"We would like to introduce the Chinese language and studies in our universities," Dr. Mahmoud

The new site location of Jeddah International Expo Center



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Zia says relations with U.S. unaffected by embassy attack

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 9 (Agencies) — President Zia-ul-Haq says relations with the United States had not been affected by last month's sacking of the U.S. embassy in Islamabad.

Zia told reporters Saturday that relations continued to be good and he again deplored the attack saying it was against Islamic principles and morality.

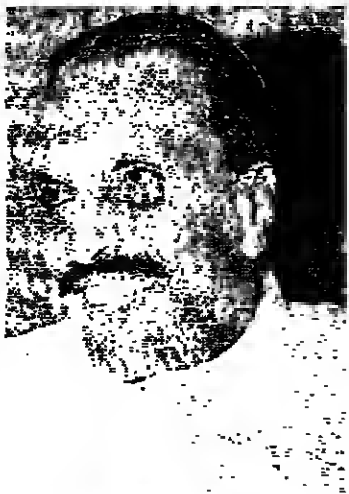
Hundreds of demonstrators besieged and set ablaze the embassy on Nov. 21 apparently in response to a false report that the United States was involved in the seizure of the Grand Mosque in Mecca.

Meanwhile, Pakistan has lodged a strong protest with Afghanistan against an Afghan air force bombing attack on its territory last Thursday.

A foreign ministry spokesman said Saturday a protest note was handed to Afghan Ambassador to Pakistan Abdul Aziz Arian at the foreign ministry. The ambassador was informed that if such an incident is repeated the entire responsibility will be laid on Afghanistan, he said.

The alleged bombing by Afghan air force occurred in the Chitral area, a border region northwest of Islamabad, last Thursday. But initial reports did not indicate the extent of damage or whether there were casualties.

Relations between Pakistan and Afghanistan have been tense since a Marxist government took over in Afghanistan in April, 1978. Some 310,000 Afghan refugees have



Zia-ul-Haq

crossed the border into Pakistan as a result of fighting between government troops and Muslim rebels.

Pakistan has accused Kabul of sending its air force planes to strafe Afghan refugee camps across the border. Government officials say Pakistan had not retaliated beyond lodging protests so far in order to avoid provoking further tension between the two countries.

Chadli sends message to Zayed

ABU DHABI, Dec. 9 (R) — Algeria's Minister of Information Abdul Hamid Mehri, arrived here Sunday with a message to the United Arab Emirates President, Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al-Nahayan, believed to deal with the Sahara dispute between Algeria and Morocco. Mehri has already visited Kuwait and Qatar and conveyed similar messages to the rulers of the two countries from Algerian President Benjedid Chadli.

He said in a statement to the official Emirates News Agency that the message dealt with the "difficult circumstances through which the Arab nation was passing." In an interview with the Kuwaiti newspaper *Al-Siyassa*, Mehri said his country would never start a war unless its border were attacked. The dispute between Algeria and Morocco mainly involves the Western Sahara, a former Spanish colony ceded about three years to Morocco and Mauritania.

Syria to host boycott conference

DAMASCUS, Dec. 9 (R) — The 34th Conference of Arab Boycott of Israel Offices will be held in Damascus next Saturday, official sources have said. The one-week conference would consider the cases of a number of Japanese electronics firms and international airline companies which the sources said had failed to observe the boycott.

Under boycott regulations any firm having direct or indirect trade relations with Israel is blacklisted by Arab League member states. The last boycott conference was held in Tunis in June.

McGovern confers with Begin

TEL AVIV, Dec. 9, (AP) — U.S. Sen. George McGovern, on a brief visit to Israel, held an informal meeting Saturday night with Prime Minister Menachem Begin to discuss Mideast issues and the Iranian crisis. After the meeting the South Dakota Democrat said Begin expressed support for President Carter's handling of the hostage situation.

"The prime minister expressed his concern and compassion about the problems we're faced with in Iran," McGovern said. "He indicated his full support for the course President Carter is following." On his arrival Friday night, the senator said the current crisis underscores Israel's importance as a "dependable and stable ally." He was due to leave Sunday.

Djibouti leader starts China visit

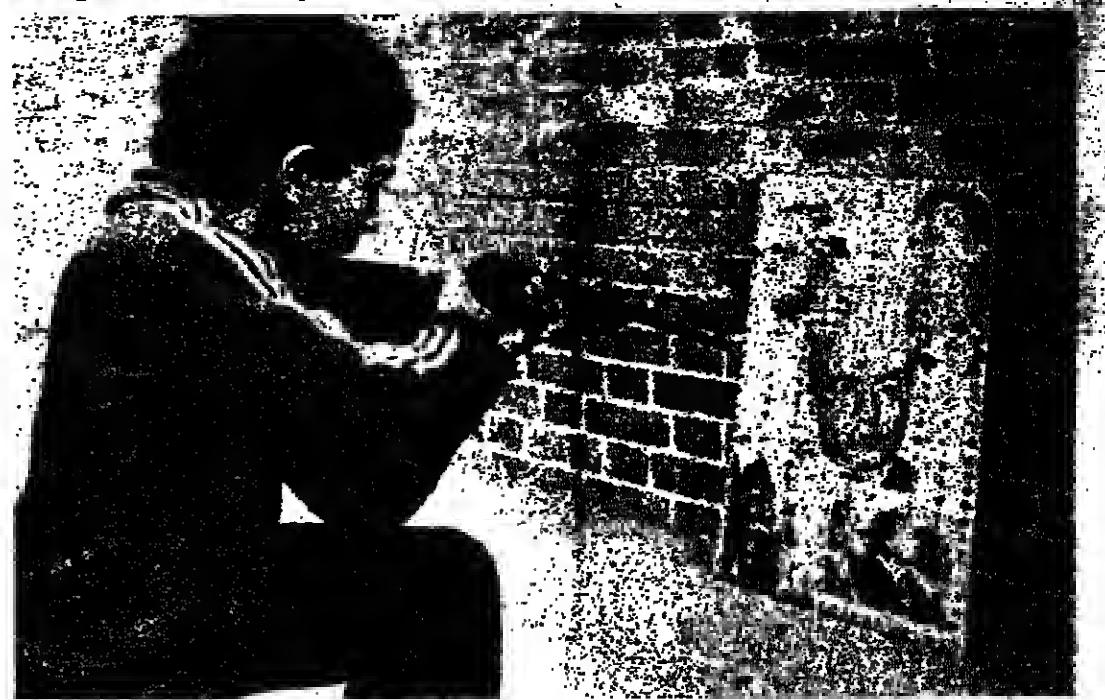
PEKING, Dec. 9 (R) — President Hassan Gouled of Djibouti arrived here Sunday for a week-long visit to China. He was greeted at the airport by premier Hua Guofeng. The China News Agency said the president would hold talks on international issues of mutual concern and on bilateral relations. In an editorial Sunday, the *People's Daily* said the first visit by the head of state of Djibouti marked a new development in the friendly ties between the two countries.

Mozambique chief holds Iraq talks

BAGHDAD, Dec. 9 (R) — President Samora Machel of Mozambique Sunday held talks with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein on bilateral relations, the Iraqi News Agency reported. Machel arrived in Baghdad Saturday for a few days' visit.



MARCH: Students with banners of Iran's religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini and Ayatollah Taleqani marched last week toward the American embassy in Tehran where their colleagues are holding 50 Americans hostages and demanding the extradition of the deposed Shah.



TARGET: A young boy practices with an air-gun at pictures of the deposed Shah, President Jimmy Carter and President Anwar Sadat as target outside the U.S. embassy in Tehran last Thursday.



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A thousand lost golf balls

Fiction by JAMES BUCHAN and JOHN CLOSE

OBHOR—Hiram Walker, III, four years out of New England, is seated on the deck of a sleek green yacht. He wears a faded Lacoste shirt and battered dockside, his only concession to the life of the sea or the tropic. An intermittent resident, he has the enviable ability to fit in anywhere, with his unabashedly aristocratic blend of Puritan ethic and hedonism. Between us and the polished brass and teak of the boat darts a triachid shark (Triaenodon obesus).

circumulus clouds, a faint gold coast on the horizon, the December wind stirring whitecaps in the dark sea.

In the distance are the landmarks of the future and the past; a king's beach house, a broken half-completed hulk of green tiles and eccentric orange pillars to the north, and what will be the largest enclosed space in the world, now an eerily beautiful forest of white pylons, growing up to replace it to the south.

As we reach the aluminum ladder, swaying just below the water's surface, lunch is waiting. Asparagus wrapped in salmon, Turkey, roast beef and fresh salad

ing fireman is revealed with a round of laughter.

"So Peter, how exactly are you going to get us out of here?"

Everyone has a suggestion.

"Hiram and I don't have to worry. We've got our sunfish."

"Oh, we've bought a fleet of them for our whole operation. A fleet of little ships sailing out of the Creek toward Africa, just like Dunkirk."

"Can't we go somewhere nice? I mean, not Port Sudan."

Then the bargaining begins.

"There are two suoken Greek tankers just north of the Creek."

You can raise them up and have them all ready offshore. I'll trade

Miles inland, the sun is also going down on the capital like a uxorious minister in London.

Mr. Pea, of Training People, Inc., is calling Mr. Pod of Doing Things Overseas, Inc. "It's simple," says Mr. Pea. "I just call you and you tell your people to stay inside or go outside or all get together someplace and then you call me and I tell my people and then we all go somewhere else and leave."

"Just like last time," replies Mr. Pod, "only without the ambassador's dog."

Exactly at sundown, the telephone rings at our office in the company's town far to the East. It is Mr. Reuter from Bahrain. "Did you hear about Abqaiq?" he asks.

But out the window, not unexpectedly, the sky is an immaculate grey, creased only by martins and shrill wheatears: 15.00 anno hegerae and all's well. Below, the Abqaiq Flames are at bat. Mrs. Cross has just struck out.

"Everything's different now," she cries, "because of that old man."

Which old man? "That old man."

Melancholy settles over the white picket fences and baseball diamonds as second-generation children cycle in the shade of second-generation trees. Darkness creeps forward and the neat straight roads begin to disappear. "In a street of scattered brick where the goat climbs."

There is a gnawing sense that in this transplanted town of gas flares and mixed doubles,

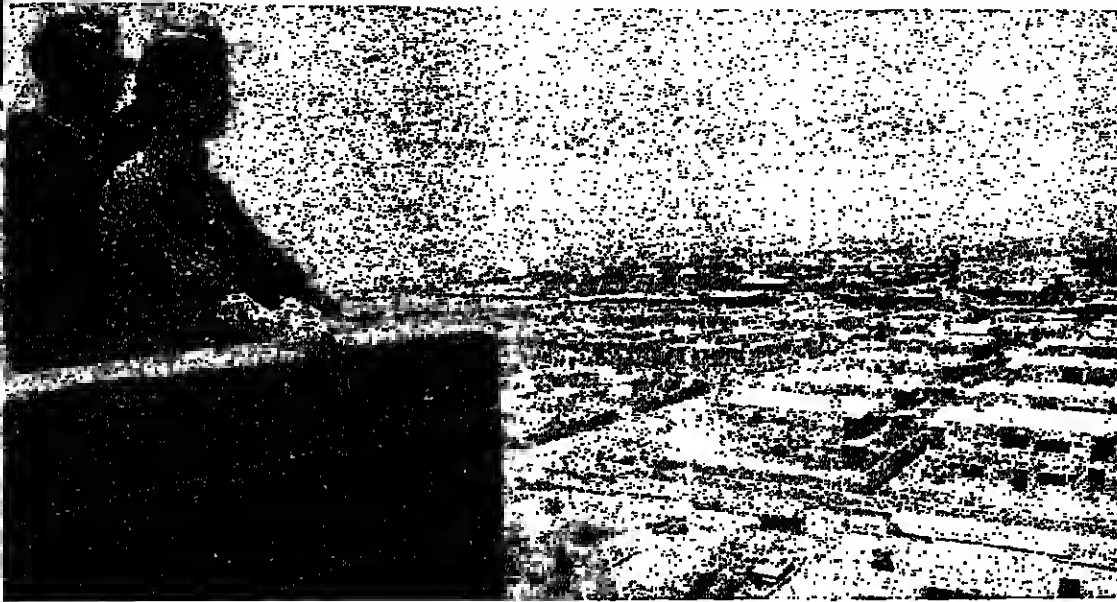
"The rabbit shall burrow and the thorn revisit."

The nettle shall flourish on the gravel court.

And the wind shall say: "Here were decent godless people."

Their only monument the asphalt road.

And a thousand lost golf balls."



Hiram negotiates an egg topped with caviar: Triaenodon six bleeding parrot fish two Frenchmen have rashly brochette.

"Don't worry," Hiram calls down to us in his patrician drawl as we cover against a wall of the reef, "he comes from one of the oldest species in the Red Sea."

We walk on water back to the boat.

The Bellerophon sits contentedly in the water, surrounded by

have appeared from nowhere, a glimpse of a small oval face from behind the galley door the only clue to the existence of the Indonesian cook.

The wind comes up. The afternoon gradually dies.

"We could be anywhere," Melanie Walker says. "I have to pinch myself when I start thinking this is Naragansett Bay."

Sundowners are broken out and the unpublicized mission of a visit-

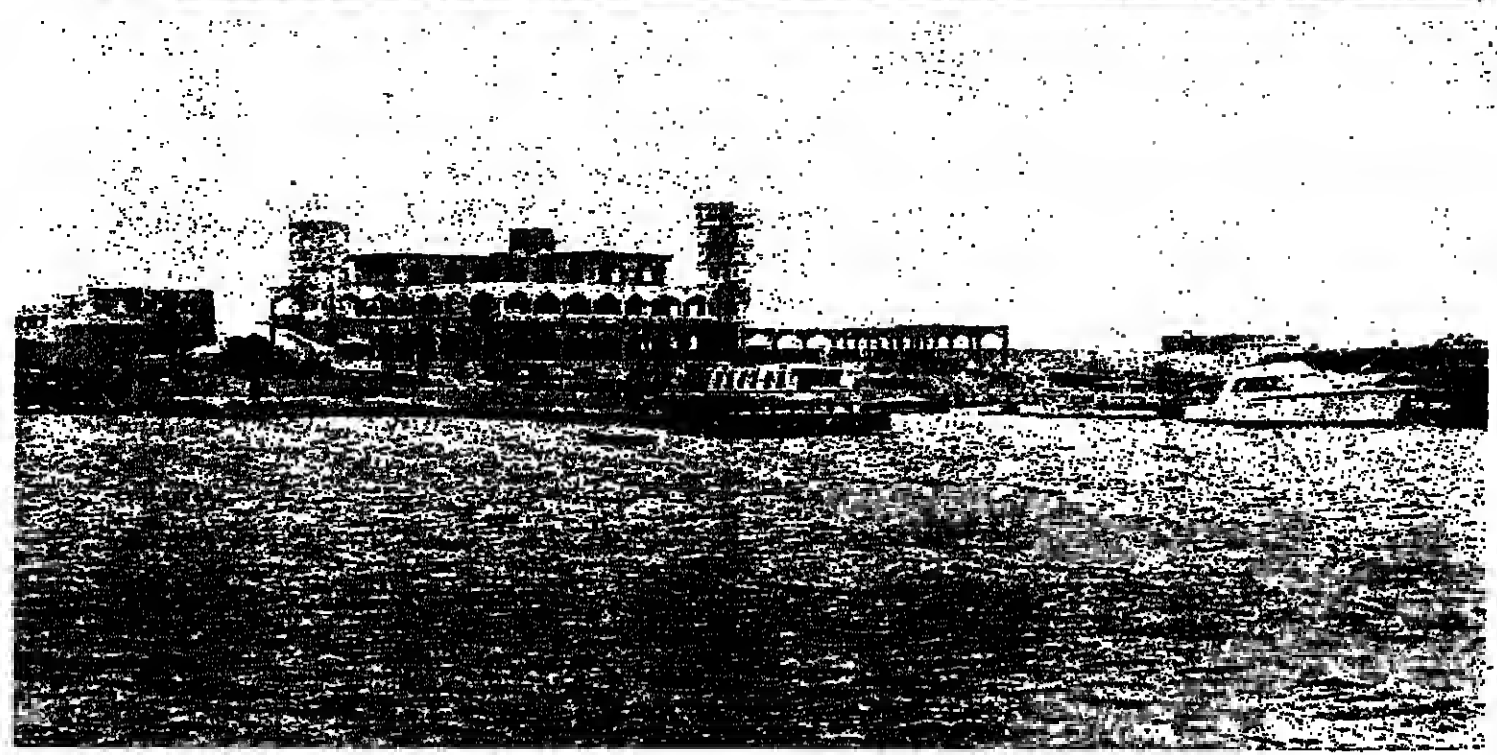
you the map for a berth."

"I've stolen Huta's sewer plan. Want that?"

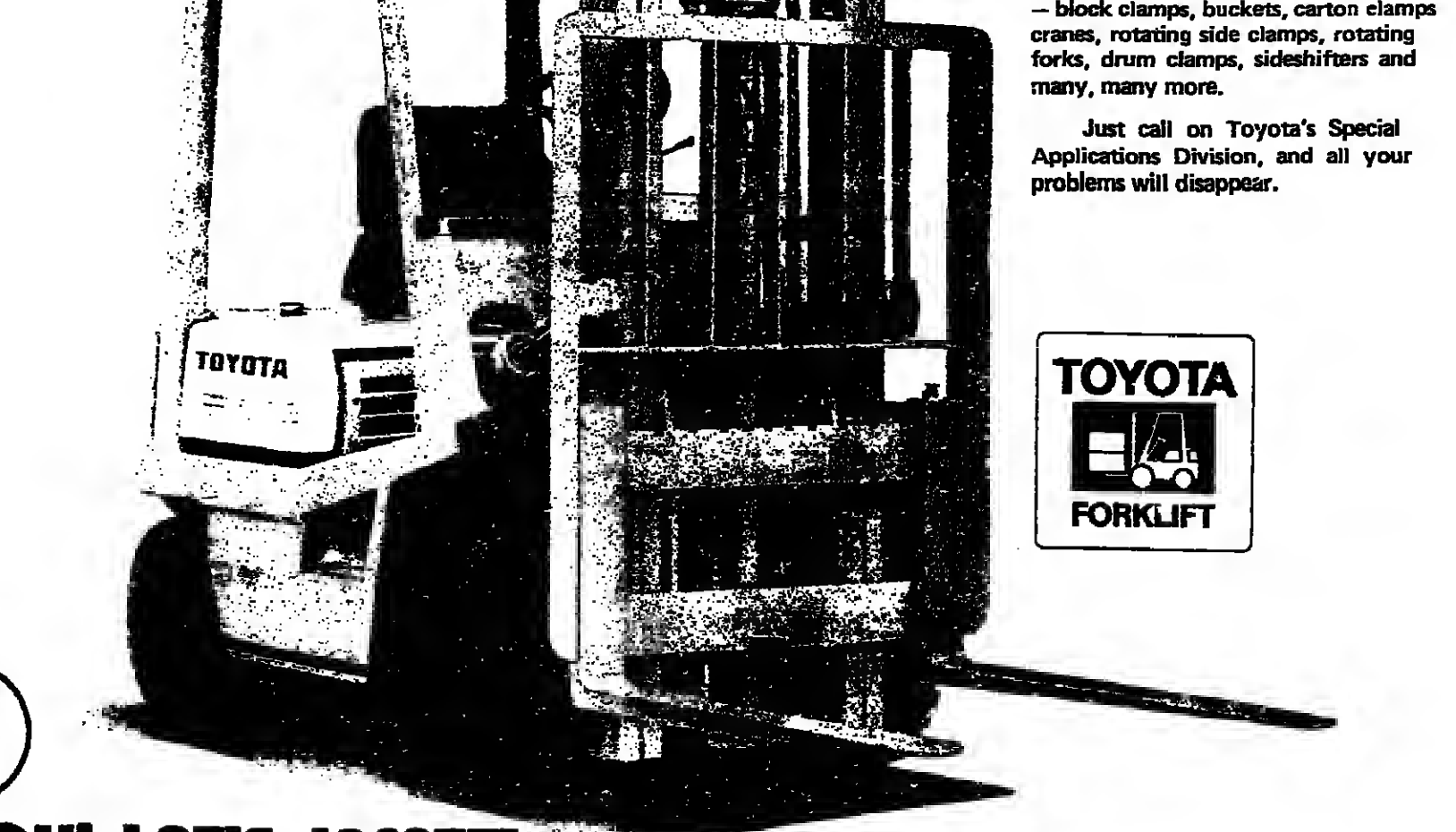
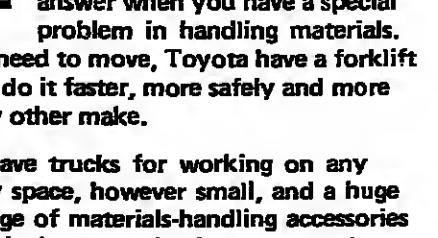
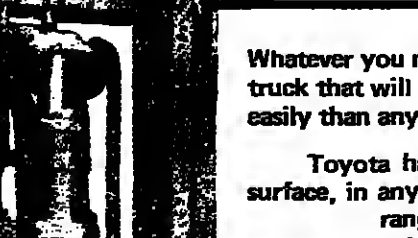
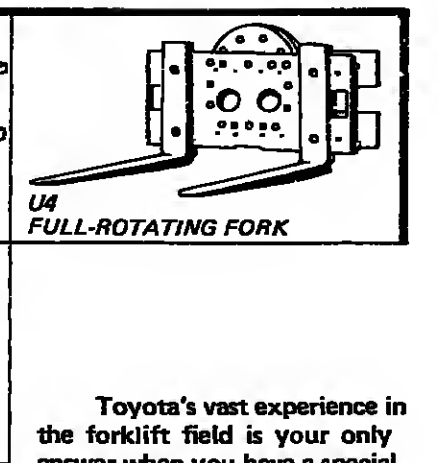
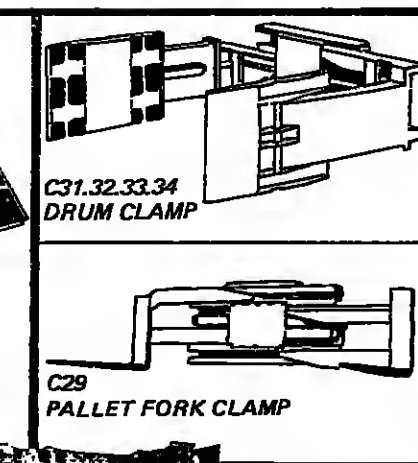
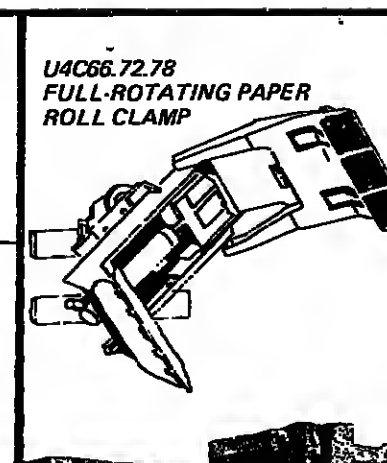
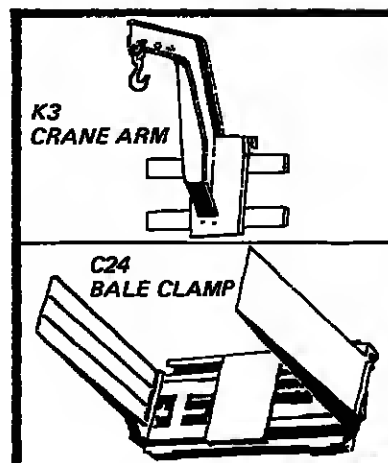
"Don't suppose that'd do much good. We'd just end up running around in circles."

"Bring us back in time for the America's Cup Trials. I can't miss Newport again."

Someone calls to mind other places, other times. "A lot of people bring their pets with them. There are some children left behind but by god the parakeets get out."



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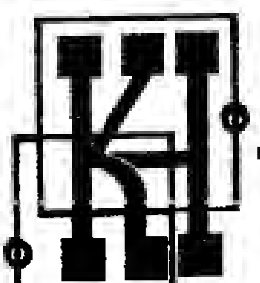
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CLOUDS OVER IRAN

The latest developments in Iran could mean that things will get worse where it concerns the hostages before they will get better. The danger of military intervention is by no means over, and the Iranian developments, read at least in one way, carry the danger of affording it a pretext.

The American position has remained much the same. The preference for a peaceful solution to the crisis still goes with a strong stand: No dealing with Iran over any issue before the unconditional release of the hostages. President Carter is also pursuing all available alternatives, so that, should it come to the worst, the United States can claim that all possible peaceful avenues have been exhausted.

It is on the Iranian side that new and worrying factors have entered the picture, namely the rift between Ayatollahs Khomeini and Shariat-Madani, which has left the Turkmani populated province of Azerbaijan almost in a state of secession.

The two Ayatollahs were said to have reached agreement last Friday. Yet nothing concrete seems to have come out of this, since Ayatollah Shariat-Madani has already warned that the agreement should be implemented in full. In addition, there were signs that the rebellious Kurds in the north west of the country, for whom a resumption of hostilities with the central authorities in Tehran is only a matter of time, are moving towards an alliance with Shariat-Madani; Turkomans.

It might be taken that Ayatollah Khomeini's best line of action now is to end the crisis with the United States as speedily and quietly as possible. The Americans have left a door open for this, since they have already been in touch with several Arab and non-Arab governments with friendly relations with Iran, with a view to finding an acceptable mediator.

But the danger is that the ruling Ayatollah sees in the crisis around the hostages the best possible means to secure the widest possible mobilization around himself. The internal opposition then would be placed in a difficult position, since its acts could then be presented as serving United States' interests. From this point of view, it is possible that Iran might implement its threat of bringing the hostages to trial for spying.

This in turn might incite the United States to military intervention, since it might hold that this is precisely the "harm" to the hostages which, it has already warned, would constitute a *causa belli* as far as it is concerned.



Will Americans start swimming the rivers to Mexico?

By Ricardo Riffer

MEXICO CITY —

President Jose Lopez Portillo, now starting the second half of his six-year term of office, hopes to use Mexico's new-found oil wealth to solve the country's huge economic and social problems.

The task may well turn out to be, figuratively, as big as the petroleum riches, rated by some as large enough to last centuries.

Today, 69 years after the Mexican revolution and its slogan "land for those who till it," about three million peasants are landless and millions more are undernourished and live in appalling squalor, their spokesmen say.

The country's most glaring problem is unemployment and underemployment. It affects about half the work force of 19 million.

Mexico, with a population of almost 70 million, has an inflation rate expected to hit 19 per cent this year, according to businessmen. They also see it as a probable major difficulty in the years ahead.

But, for all that, Mexico offers a rich, fuel-bungry industrialized world 45.8 billion barrels of proven oil reserves and possibly up to 200 billion barrels of potential supplies.

Petroleum is the major element in the economy's growth, which is expected to hit 7.5 per cent this year, and by next year Mexico is likely to produce 2.25 million barrels of oil daily.

It was a much different picture on December 1, 1976 when Lopez Portillo took office.

The economy was in a shambles, with the peso weak and the economy hit by the siphoning off on four billion dollars.

But then the vast oil fields were delivered and Mexico made tentative steps on the road to recovery. The president went on to promise Mexicans a better life.

National resources and development minister Jose Andree Oteyza says that, with the oil, Mexico will be able to achieve a growth rate of 10 per cent by 1982 and progress further to end the country's

endemic unemployment problem by the 1990s.

But this is no small task: Mexico needs to create 800,000 new jobs annually simply to keep unemployment from growing, even with petroleum it is thought that 100,000 more people have become jobless this year.

Forty per cent of the unemployment is in the agricultural sector in a country where about a third of the land is desert.

Every day rural unemployment forces about a thousand people into this capital, Mexico City's population today is 14 million, but 20 years hence it may well be 40 million.

Rural unemployment also causes many Mexican peasants to cross the border as illegal immigrants to the United States — traditionally called "wet backs" there because some are thought to swim rivers forming part of the border.

In the U.S. they often become cheap labor, an economic "safety valve" for Mexico but a cause of poor Mexican-U.S. relations as the people here

claim the "wet backs" sometimes are badly treated across the border.

President Lopez Portillo says changes will come in the relationship between Mexico City and Washington, long regarded here as the place where the "Gringos" to the north looked down their long pale noses at the "poor little Mexicans" while exploiting them as well.

Now the boot is on the other foot, President Jimmy Carter, as well as French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing and Cuba's Fidel Castro, have been among the foreign leaders coming here on what looked very much like "oil prospecting" trips.

And well they might. Jorge Diaz Serrano, director of the government-owned Pemex (Petroles Mexicanos) company, thinks his country has a 100 years' worth of oil reserves.

He, too, feels the oil industry can fuel Mexico's progress down recovery road and make this a country where things will go so swimmingly and there should be no more "wet backs." — (R)

Mugabe and Nkomo face the prospect of going home again

By Caryle Murphy

SALISBURY —

The white-run newspapers still refer to them as "terrorist leaders" even though they may return to this country to legally contest an election within weeks.

But for Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe, co-leaders of the Patriotic Front guerrilla alliance, press terminology is just one of the problems they will face campaigning against Prime Minister Abel Muzorewa before the British-run election that is to choose this country's first internationally recognized black majority government.

Although the campaign is not officially launched, Muzorewa has swung his election machinery into action with access to the media, to the white establishment's backing and to the government bureaucracy that is worthy of any incumbent.

Throughout the day at regular intervals the radio plays a jingle: "The people want peace, that's what the people want," with Muzorewa's voice in the background. The evening television news recaps activities of Muzorewa's delegation at the London conference where cease-fire discussions are still going on.

In contrast, the Patriotic Front has no sympathetic press here. The state television has not aired one interview with either leader since the conference in London began. The Front also has no offices, no facilities or trappings or political power and officially no parties since both political wings of the Front, Nkomo's Zimbabwe African People's Union (ZAPU) and Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) are still banned here. They are likely to remain banned until the British government arrives.

As banned parties, they cannot legally hold rallies and so are unable overtly to begin organizing

before the two-month campaign period the British have stipulated. The Front wanted a six-month campaign.

Caphas Msipa, Nkomo's spokesman in Salisbury, works out of his home. He has complained about the bias of the media to the British representatives already in Salisbury. Msipa said he also is concerned about reports that some white farmers are saying they will not allow the Patriotic Front to campaign on their private property. About 1.6 million Zimbabwe Rhodesia's 7 million blacks live on white-owned farms.

If keeping one's options open is an advantage in a campaign, then the Front is going to be at a decided disadvantage to Muzorewa under current British proposals for a cease-fire.

The plans call for the guerrilla forces to be stationed at a number of centers inside the country, while the white-led government forces will be restricted to their barracks. In the event of a breakdown of the cease-fire, these arrangements would appear to favor the conventional forces over the guerrillas.

From statements made so far, it appears that the Muzorewa party's campaign tactics will aim to portray the Patriotic Front as war-mongering hardline Communists.

"The choice," Muzorewa said recently "is between democracy and a one-party Marxist state." His foreign minister, David Mukome, has suggested that if the Patriotic Front wins, "people with beautiful houses in black residential areas and the suburbs will have to explain how they acquired the money to buy or extend their properties. If found guilty of exploitation they will be forced to accommodate strangers free of charge as a form of punishment."

"If the PF takes over, there'll be chaos," said the minister of land and natural resources, George

Nyandoro. He contended that under Muzorewa changes would also be made, but in an "orderly" manner.

"I wouldn't be surprised if the Muzorewa camp shows films of Stalinist Russia to the country peasants and said that is what the life under the Front will be like," said one young black reporter.

This angers the Front. "When I look at the interperate utterances people are making against us, giving us names, and accusing us of things that are off the mark," said Msipa, "that's provocative and I begin to wonder if that could lead to violence instead of an election. People will start thinking with their blood instead of their brains."

"If Nkomo were prime minister the economy would go on more or less as it is with one difference — he would like to see a better distribution of wealth and a removal of naked exploitation ... through taxes and in some cases, ownership of major industries, Msipa said. Mining would probably be nationalized, he added.

"Nkomo is coming to look at the situation with an open mind. He's not dogmatic. He's not going to nationalize for the sake of nationalizing," his spokesman said.

"Whatever 'ism' we follow in Zimbabwe it will be applicable (to the country)," said Tarisai Ziyambi, a member of Mugabe's central executive committee. "We are not going to dictate against the interest of the people. We will hold congresses at which all issues will be thrashed out."

"There will be an element of nationalization, for example in mining," Ziyambi said. "Other areas will be examined as we go along. But all aspects of industry in which the lives of the majority are involved will have to be of necessity nationalized."

Asked whether the Front would contest the election as a unit or as two separate parties, both Msipa and Ziyambi said that decision had not yet been

made. Most observers agree that if they campaign separately they are likely to split the anti Muzorewa vote and give Muzorewa a majority.

Some of the factors weighing the political situation in favor of Muzorewa may alter when the British governor arrives and assumes responsibility for what is meant to be an impartial administration during the transition period. The Front's political position is also likely to improve when Nkomo and Mugabe return to take personal charge of their campaigns against Muzorewa's biracial coalition government.

"The front's platform will be more convincing," said one young black. "They will ask the people 'What did Muzorewa do for you? He is more concerned about white confidence than black interests. We were fighting for a black government which really has the power to do things in your interest.'"

Meanwhile, although most whites will be supporting Muzorewa, the prospect that the Patriotic Front will be part of, if not in charge of a future black government has prompted some whites into more open frame of mind about the "terrorist leaders" than they have displayed in the past.

David Spain, an official of the Commercial Farmers' Union, that represents more than 5,000 white farmers, said that "one of the first things we'll have to do as a union is go and have talks with Mugabe and Nkomo when they return and find out what exactly their views are."

"Businessmen will be happy if they are given peace and a political settlement that permits the free enterprise system to operate in essence," said Keith Nicholson, general secretary of the Associated Chambers of Commerce. "People are cautiously optimistic and accept that there's going to be some kind of accommodation with the Patriotic Front." — (WP)

saudi press review

Newspapers Sunday led with King Khaled's decision to have a regulation drafted to provide for the welfare of families whose members were martyred during encounters with the armed

regiments inside the Holy Haram. They also highlighted royal appreciation of the public gesture toward the bereaved families. In a headline, *Al-Riyadh* quoted Governor of Riyadh Prince Salman as saying there was no tribal or family link among the members of the deviationist gang.

All newspapers frontpaged Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal's meeting with the Arab and Muslim ambassadors accredited to the Kingdom to convey Saudi Arabia's appreciation and thanks for the noble sentiments the Arab and Islamic states had expressed during the siege of the Grand Mosque. In a front-page story, *Al-Medina* reported that the Yugoslav government threatened its Muslim population

of stringent measures "for spreading dangerous Islamic ideas" in the country.

Newspapers also frontpaged a reported demand by U.S. Congressmen to keep troops to protect the U.S. embassies abroad, while *Al-Medina* reported in a front-page story that U.S. President Carter was considering inviting distinguished Muslim personalities of the world to mediate in the Iranian-American crisis.

Newspapers devoted their editorials to the Foreign Minister's thanks to the Arab and Islamic states for their sentiments of sympathy and support and a royal command to frame rules for the state help to the bereaved families of the Mecca incident.

Writing editorially about the Haram attack, *Al-Medina* said the attack by the renegades was not directed against the leadership or the government but against the very essence on which Islam has

been founded. "They flouted all the Islamic norms by desecrating the Mosque, destroying the nation's property and killing the innocent people."

The paper described the renegades as the most dangerous enemies of Islam and Muslims and said that their elimination was a great victory for which Muslims must be thankful to God.

Al-Jazira said editorially that the government and people of Saudi Arabia "stood as one man against the group of renegades and restored the sanctity of the House of God by eliminating them and their sedition from the Sacred Mosque." The paper expressed appreciation of the citizens' generous gesture toward the families of those who lost their lives defending the faith and the Holy Place. It also made a special mention of the King's orders to draft rules for the support of the bereaved families by the state and his directives to form a special

committee, chaired by Prince Miteb, the minister of public works and housing, to receive public donations for this human cause.

The paper described the royal gesture as an honest expression of cohesion between the leadership and the people, and said that, along with its own generosity toward the affected families, the state has also left the field open for the public to show their positive participation in this great act of liberalism and benevolence.

In an editorial, *Al-Riyadh* described the Mecca incident as trivial and characteristic of chaos and dissension. Their act has, however, provided an occasion to show how much the people of Saudi Arabia rallied round their leadership and refused to capitulate to the deviators at any cost.

"The incident provided yet another occasion for Muslims throughout the world to demon-

strate their solidarity and support for the wise steps the Saudi government had taken to handle the situation. The successful finale of the incident did not only rout the renegades but also disappointed the enemies of Muslims and Arabs who did not take into consideration the powerful cohesion between the Saudi Arabians and their leadership and also of the great attachment of Muslims to their sacred places," said the paper.

Dealing with the royal command for state assistance to the bereaved families, *Okaz* said that it strengthened the very essence of the policy which the government has been pursuing in regard to the welfare of the Saudi society. The paper said it was a matter of pride that the country's leadership restored peace and tranquility to the Holy Haram and proved that "we do possess the will of righteousness with which to realize victory for the soldiers of God over mischief-mongers."



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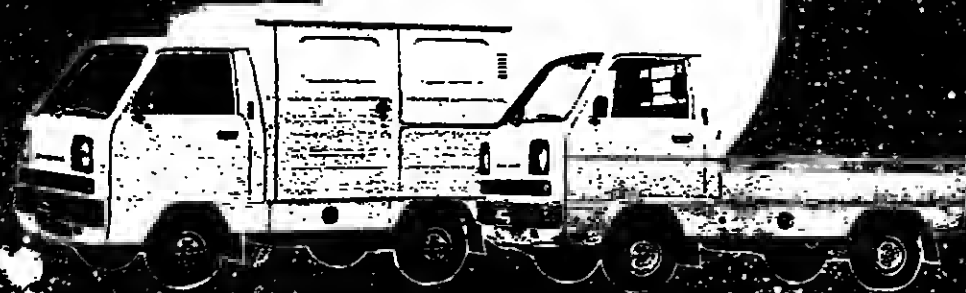
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By KCIA chief

Park's killing defended at trial

SEOUL, Dec. 9 (AP) — Former intelligence chief Kim Jae-kyu has testified he assassinated President Park Chung-hee to end one-man rule and restore democracy to South Korea. He said he had sought to kill Park for years.

On the second day of his court-martial, Kim said he thought democracy was essential to "carry the day" against Communism in neighboring North Korea and he saw Park's government heading for dictatorship.

Kim said he hoped Park's slaying would prompt the army to declare martial law and form a junta with him at the top—but he denied he wanted to become president, as reported in the government version of the Oct. 26 assassination of Park and four bodyguards.

He would have become a dictator as president, something he did not want to do, Kim testified. He added, "And personally I am not so demoralized as to step on the tomb of President Park."

Kim, five of his Korean CIA agents and former chief presidential secretary Kim Ke-won are charged with murder to incite rebellion, which can bring the death sentence. A sixth intelligence agent is charged with destroying evidence.

As the court-martial continued Saturday, the martial-law command accused Kim of having embezzled \$2 million in public funds while he served as a military commander, construction minister and CIA chief.

At the trial, Kim said that after Park imposed the 1972 Yushin constitution he came to the con-

clusion it was not designed for the good of the nation but to give Park absolute power.

The constitution is currently being revised under the direction of newly chosen President Choi Kyu-hah in preparation for presidential elections, expected in one or two years.

In a step toward political reform, Choi Friday struck down a Park-imposed law banning political dissent and freed 68 political prisoners, including former presidential candidate Kim Dae-jung, an arch-rival of Park's who had been under house arrest.

The prosecution said Kim has given many different dates for when he first made up his mind to kill Park, going back as far as 1972, when Kim was commander of the 3rd Army Corps.

Kim testified he took a gun with him when he went to Park's official residence in 1974 to be appointed construction minister. In January 1975, when Park visited the construction ministry for an inspection, Kim said he hid a gun behind a national flag in his office.

Both times he planned to kill Park and then himself, but changed his mind. He did not explain why.

After his appointment as head of the KCIA, Kim said, his ideas changed and he thought he could influence policy decisions and bring about democratic reforms without killing Park, but after a while he decided assassination was the only answer.

Park and his chief bodyguard, Cha Chi-chul, were killed Oct. 26 in a dining room at a KCIA "safehouse," where they had met Kim for dinner.



KILLER DEFENDS DEED: Former Korean intelligence chief Kim Jae-kyu is flanked by military police Saturday during the second day of the trial for charges of assassinating former President Park Chung-hee. Kim defended the killing and said he did it in order to end Park's one-man rule and restore democracy to South Korea.

Three arrested

N.Y. gem robbery foiled

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (Agencies) — New York Police have foiled a robbery at a Manhattan jewelry shop and freed 17 hostages being held there by three masked gunmen.

A police spokesman said the robbery attempt began Saturday when the gunmen seized employees as they arrived for work at the shop. The hostages included several women who had appointments in a beauty salon in the same building.

The police were led to the scene by following convicted gem thief Sorecho (Sammy) Nalo, the man who planned a \$3.5-million robbery at the Pierre Hotel here in 1972. Three men, including Nalo, were arrested, but a fourth suspect escaped in a car. Police said they knew his identity.

Nalo was released from prison after serving four years for the Pierre Hotel robbery. Police said they had been following him because he had been "acting nervous." They declined to give further details.

The gunmen were believed to be trying to steal some \$2 million stored in vaults in the building where the jewelry shop is located.

At a news conference after the arrests, Lt. Eddie O'Connor said 17 police officers and detectives followed Nalo to the building. Inside, the other three men had bound everyone on the first floor and covered their mouths with adhesive tape.

Deputy Chief Frank Sullivan said Nalo was being trailed as "part of an ongoing investigation," but he would not elaborate. Nalo, 49, and his three heavily armed companions planned to rob Spritzer and Furman Jewelers on the fourth floor of \$2 million in diamonds and gold jewelry.

O'Connor said, "We said hello and I told him, 'It's good to see you again, Sammy.'" O'Connor said.

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Soviet Vietnam flights increase

Hanoi hits at U.S. on Cambodia

BANGKOK, Dec. 9 (AP) — Vietnam accused the United States Sunday of using its "highest organ of power" — the Congress — to legalize alleged U.S. interference in Cambodia.

The Vietnam news agency, quoting a commentary in the military paper *Quan Doi Khan Dan*, denounced a congressional resolution urging U.S. President Jimmy Carter to take immediate new diplomatic steps to deal with the Cambodian crisis.

"The United States has taken a step further in its collusion with Peking and the international reactionary forces in an attempt to legalize U.S. interference in Cambodia. This attempt is clearly through the 'congressional resolution' urging the 'concerned nations' of the world to convene an international conference on Cambodia," the paper said.

Vietnam also accused the U.S. of distorting the truth about the situation in Cambodia by claiming that Cambodia was facing a "new wave of oppression, hunger and disease."

The White House last week issued a statement on behalf of Carter, accusing Moscow and Hanoi of failing to support international efforts to provide food to the starving people of Cambodia.

Meanwhile informed Thai sources said here Soviet transport planes have made at least 10 unauthorized flights over Thailand in the past two months, and officials said they believed the flights were

synchronized with military activities in Cambodia.

The source said the overflights have taken place despite a government ruling that the Soviet Union's national carrier, Aeroflot, must apply for permission from a special committee for each non-scheduled flight.

The committee, under the supervision of the supreme command, was set up in September when the military received reports that Soviet planes had dramatically increased flights to Vietnam and Laos since March this year.

Cambodia denies landing to planes carrying relief

SINGAPORE, Dec. 9 (AP) — Two U.S. planes carrying cargo for Cambodia have landed in Singapore because the Cambodian government denied them permission to land in Phnom Penh, a U.S. Embassy spokesman said Sunday.

One C-5 Galaxy plane from Travers Field in Texas picked up cranes mounted on trucks in Tokyo, and flew on to Clark Air Base in the Philippines to proceed to Phnom Penh, but had to turn back to Singapore Saturday.

The spokesman said the cranes, donated by the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) to help Cambodians, now would be sent to Cambodia by boat.

The source said Aeroflot allowed to operate the scheduled flights a week into Laos and Vietnam via Thailand's return. But between March and May, the Soviet Union asked to increase their flights to an average of 50 a month.

The Soviet Union informed Thai officials that the aircraft carried textiles. The Soviet Embassy in Bangkok also denied Thai charges that the flights carried military supplies to Vietnam.

The source said the Thais received reports that some of Soviet flights into Vietnam did return, indicating that the Soviet had left the aircraft for the Vietnamese.

Military sources said they believe Moscow has been transporting arms and ammunition to Vietnam on those unauthorized flights to prepare the Vietnamese troops for a major offensive in Cambodia.

The English language *Bangkok Post* Thursday quoted Thai intelligence sources as saying Soviet built jet fighters, helicopters, anti-aircraft guns and other weaponry have been moved to the Thai frontier to help the major offensive.

Reporters at the border Sunday that about 20 more rounds landed in Thai territory south of the border town Aranyaprathet after heavy fighting between Vietnamese forces and troops loyal to the Premier Pol Pot.

Brigades 1978 sentences confirmed by appeal court

TURIN, Italy, Dec. 9 (AP) — An appeal court Saturday night confirmed previous sentences of up to 15 years in prison for Red Brigades founder Renato Curcio and 24 other ringleaders of Italy's most feared Marxist guerrilla gang.

The trial, started Nov. 28, was held in a barracks transformed in a bunker-like courthouse. More than 800 heavily armed officers surrounded the building during the hearings.

Curcio, 37, the bearded former philosophy student who founded the revolutionary group in the early 1970's, and the other defendants had appealed the sentences

given to them by a Milan court in June 1978. Then the court convicted them of forming an armed band to overthrow the state and taking part in political kidnappings. The sentences ranged from 8 and 15 years in prison.

After 32 hours of deliberation the jury of the appeal court confirmed all the previous sentences which for Curcio was 15 years in prison.

Other sentences confirmed included 14 years each for Pietro Bassi, Pietro Bertolazzi and Alberto Franceschini, 9 years and 11 months for Prospero Gallinari and five years for Nadia Mantovani, Curcio's girlfriend.



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Church antiques stolen in Spain

HUESCAN, Spain, Dec. 9, (R) — Religious antiques worth at least \$1.5 million have been stolen from the 11th century Cathedral of Roda de Isabena in northeast Spain.

Police said Saturday thieves broke into the cathedral's museum early Friday and stole nearly all its exhibits.

These included the chair of St. Raymond and an enameled bishop's crozier, both dating from the 12th century, as well as mitres, tapestries and paintings.

The Bishop of Lerida, Monsignor Malla Call, told reporters the value of the stolen objects was incalculable but they were worth a minimum of \$1.5 million.

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To buy American-built aircraft U.S. may extend \$1 billion credit to MEA

By Bob Lebling
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 — The U.S. government has proposed a massive financing package that would provide Lebanon's Middle East Airlines (MEA) with almost \$1 billion in credit to purchase U.S. built aircraft over the next ten years.

The credit offer by the government's Export-Import Bank — designed to counter "intense" aircraft sales competition from Europe — is expected to pass through Congress with no opposition, congressional sources said.

The U.S. financing plan would provide MEA with over \$343 million in credit for the immediate purchase of eight new medium-range wide-bodied commercial jets.

In addition, the package includes an Eximbank commitment to furnish another \$611 million in credit to MEA for the later purchase of 11 more wide-bodied jets.

The U.S. aircraft now in com-

petition for the sale are the Boeing 767, the Lockheed L-1011, and the McDonnell Douglas DC 10, the Export-Import Bank said.

MEA has not yet decided whether it will buy American planes, but it has confirmed its intention to replace its fleet of aging Boeing 707s and 720s over the coming decade, the bank said.

The Eximbank offer, submitted for congressional approval last month, is aimed at encouraging the Lebanese airline to select one of the U.S. aircraft over the European Airbus A-300 and A-310.

The A-300 and A-310 "are well suited for MEA's route structure," the bank admitted in its letter of notification to Congress.

"There is intense competition for this sale from Airbus Industries," it said. The bank also noted that the Airbus offer "is supported by subsidized export credits from government sources."

Under the U.S. financing plan, the initial \$343 million credit to MEA would cover 85 per cent of the costs of the eight aircraft, spare parts and related equipment

and services.

MEA would make a cash payment of over \$60 million to cover the remaining 15 per cent of the transaction, bringing the total U.S. export value of the deal to \$404 million, the bank said.

Under the second phase of the plan, Eximbank would also cover 85 per cent of the costs for 11 additional planes — \$611 million and MEA would make a cash payment of \$108 million for the remaining 15 per cent.

The total U.S. export value of the second phase would thus be almost \$719 million.

MEA would pay 8 1/4 per cent interest on first credit and an as yet undetermined rate on the second. The various repayment schedules would be over ten-year periods, the bank said.

Middle East Airlines, Lebanon's flag carrier, is a privately owned airline serving the major cities of Western Europe, the Middle East, and to a lesser extent North and West Africa.

Intra Investment Co. of Beirut holds the majority of the shares in MEA — 63 per cent. Air France holds another 28 per cent of the shares, with the remaining 9 per cent divided among MEA employees and various private Lebanese interests.

Although MEA's principal offices are in Beirut, the airline has reduced its involvement in Lebanon because of that country's political turmoil.

MEA's operational center is now in Amman, Jordan, and its maintenance center is located in Frankfurt, West Germany.

Almost all of MEA's bank balances are kept outside of Lebanon, Eximbank said, and its operating rules provide that no more than one scheduled aircraft can be in Beirut at one time and never at night.

But despite the airline's problems in Lebanon, Eximbank has expressed confidence in the company's financial strength.

Singapore company chiefs face tricky acquisition law

SINGAPORE, Dec. 9 (OFNS) — Some worrying questions about the position of company directors under Singapore law are raised by the case of Richard Tarling, who two weeks ago began six months imprisonment for alleged offences committed while he was an absentee director.

Bail was allowed pending an appeal but Tarling, a former king-pin of the British Slater Walker financial empire, elected to serve the sentence and return to his family, rather than wait three years for the tortuous appeals process.

His trial was fair — by Singapore standards — but the predictable result hits at the foundation of Singapore commercial life and reverberations will be felt in many countries.

Tarling spent little time in Singapore during the three years of alleged offences which the trial covered. During those three years, Haw Par International, the Slater Walker affiliate involved in the case, was the most dynamic share on Singapore Stock Exchange. The newspapers were full of Haw Par's acquisitions, coups or record profits.

Tarling's involvement in the company's affairs was through his local alternate director, Robert Byrker, a respected company lawyer.

Booker never once queried Tarling's actions. In one lawyer's view, "If an alternate director goes along with the board, he's just as responsible. If he disagrees or is kept in the dark he can always resign."

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"Eximbank has made two loans previously to MEA and repayments have been made on a timely basis," the bank said.

If MEA accepts the U.S. financing plan, deliveries of the first eight U.S. aircraft will be made between 1983 and 1985, sources said.

The additional 11 aircraft, if purchased from the U.S., would be delivered between 1986 and 1990.

The Export-Import Bank, a U.S. government agency set up in 1934 to assist the sale of U.S. exports through loans, guarantees and insurance programs, has a long history of supporting exports of U.S. aircraft.

American aircraft manufacturers now control about 80 per cent of the world market for commercial jets.

The Eximbank has warned Congress that over the next decade the United States faces heightened competition in the world market from foreign aircraft manufacturers.

Several major foreign airlines will be making major aircraft purchases over the next two or three years, the bank said.

"Eximbank believes it must be sensitive to purchasers' needs during this period of new product selection to insure that U.S. aircraft and engine manufacturers are able to offer attractive financing, thereby helping the aircraft industry to sustain its position as a leading U.S. export sector," the bank told Congress.

Congressional sources told Arab News that no one on Capitol Hill has voiced opposition to the MEA financing package since it was first unveiled last month.

It is not expected that Congress will hold hearings on the plan, the sources said. If Congress does not move to block the plan, it will receive final Eximbank approval sometime in January.

They build'em tough Because you play rough!

Another decision made by the judge defined the responsibility of directors to shareholders. Haw Par's board had a windfall profit in a Hong Kong trust until it could be eased back into the company without undermining the stability of Haw Par's quoted share price or, because Haw Par was a market pace-setter, the stability of the market itself.

From the evidence given at the trial, the maneuver did not profit the directors either directly or through any speculation they may have made from their inside knowledge.

The burden now placed upon directors in Singapore is virtual total disclosure, no matter how much, in the directors' view, it may be to the company's disadvantage. One may not agree with the Haw Par directors' decisions but they appear to have been due to poor judgment rather than bad faith.

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Gold still advances despite IMF auction

LONDON, Dec. 9 — The price of gold has registered a significant rise during the past few weeks, being at the time of writing \$430.40 to the ounce as against \$390 to the ounce a few weeks ago.

The small International Monetary Fund auction this week of 440 thousand ounces was easily absorbed, being oversubscribed approximately four times with the allotment being made at \$426.37 to the ounce. The highest recent peak was \$423 an ounce. Some observers are reported as forecasting a continued rise in price to a level of \$500 an ounce by early February.

This is the first important major upward adjustment in the metal price since the fall which occurred several months ago after the huge rise which boiled over at around \$440 an ounce level. A reaction was obviously expected and in some ways it has been of very modest proportions. On the other hand the recent rise was fairly slow in coming. After all, the Iranian crisis hit the world some while ago and the international currency markets have been in turmoil now for several weeks. And gold hardly moved. In other words the movement was sticky on the way down and to some extent on the way up. A certain stability has entered into the value.

A further explanation for the slowness of the rise to take effect may have been the increase in interest rates in New York (or for that matter in London) starting last October. It is always the case of course that high interest rates are inimical to gold because they merely put up the price of holding it.

However, the fact that many professionals see the price rising substantially again over the next month or two may mean that the real factor behind the gold price is for the time being at least no

longer the Iranian crisis. After all, desperately serious as that may be, the world has had to survive a number of crises during the past two decades and international currency markets have had to weather them one way or another. It is probably the case that in the same way as professional dealers become inured to the danger so do ordinary investors. What 20 years ago would have driven them into gold pell mell hardly disturbs them.

But what does still disturb them more now than ever, is the erosion of a currency's value by inflation. There is no way that the investor can bet against that danger and get it right except by buying real assets, one of the most convenient forms of which of course is gold.

Thus the growing feeling in some circles that the Federal Reserve authorities in America are letting their grip slacken on the monetary situation is what may really be behind the steady buying of the metal. It has been noticed that small falls in prime rates in New York can only have occurred with a substantial easing of the formerly tight credit situation.

Perhaps this easing is going to continue. Certainly as the period of the presidential election grows nearer the chances of an unpopular tight credit policy being driven home with determination by the authorities must, in most people's view, lessen.

It is these thoughts which put drive into the price of gold upwards during 1980 just as far as any disturbance in the Middle East.

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Foreign Exchange Rates

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	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.37	3.375	3.3725
Pound Sterling	7.32	7.42	7.34
Deutsche Mark (100)	192.00	195.00	193.25
Swiss F (100)	208.00	212.00	210.00
French F (100)	82.00	83.25	82.25
Italian Lira (10,000)	41.00	41.50	41.40
Lebanese Lira (100)		99.00	98.25
Syrian Lira (100)		86.98	78.50
Egyptian Pound		4.50	4.50
Kuwaiti Dinar		12.19	12.19
Jordanian Dinar		11.40	11.40
Emirates Dirham (100)		89.65	89.65
Qatari Riyal (100)		91.25	91.25
Bahraini Dinar		8.95	8.95
Iranian Riyal (100)		26.00	26.00
Iraqi Dinar (100)		9.25	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)		74.10	74.10
Moroccan Dirham (100)		80.00	89.90
Indian Rupee (100)		—	42.00
Pakistani Rupee (100)		—	34.20
Gold kg.		46,700.00	—
10 Tolas bar		5,450.00	—
Silver kg.		—	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	14.10	—	14.16
Canadian Dollar	2.90	—	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	118.00	113.00	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	173.00	174.00	175.75
Spanish Peso	—	50.50	51.50
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	80.00	—
Philippines Peso (1,000)	—	—	46.50
Singapore	—	—	1.57

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SHIPS MOVEMENTS UP TO 0700 HOURS ON THE 9TH DECEMBER, 1979 — 20TH MOHARRAM, 1400

1. VESSELS DISCHARGING:

Berth	Vessel	Agent	Cargo	Date
3	Lanto Island	Altas	Conts-Steel/Metal	8-12-79
5	Char Loong	Abdullah	Steel/Plywood/Gen.	7-12-79
6	Pink	Altabah	Conts/Rice/General	7-12-79
9	Santa Elena	Altabah	Pine/Mach/Boats.	8-12-79
10	Phaedon II	BaAboud	Durum/Oil Cakes	28-11-79
11	Naridi	A.E.T.	Durum/To Load Vels & Cont.	5-12-79
13	Balder Antwerpen	Gulf	Steel/Gen/Fish Meal	5-12-79
16	Nura Del Mar	H.S.S.C.	Containers	8-12-79
18	Ionian Carrier	Roloco	Bulk Cement	4-12-79
19	La Primavera	Altabah	Bulk Cement	9-12-79
20	Vasfakis	Altabah	Bagged Cement	8-12-79
21	Day Port	Altabah	H. Lino/Conts/Boats	7-12-79
23	Centra Star	N.T.T.E.	Gen/Conts/Meats	30-11-79
24	Pampers Universal	O.C.E.	Loading Cement	7-12-79
35	Assen Knowledge	Altabah	Reefers	7-12-79
36	Capella	Kanoo	Containers	8-12-79
41	Banet	Altabah	Loading MTYs	9-12-79
42	Union Baltimore	O.C.E.	Bagged Barley	5-12-79
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SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO 0700 HOURS ON 20.1.1400/9.12.1979 — CHANGES

PAST 24 HOURS

BERTH	SHIP	AGENT	CARGO	ARRIVAL
1	Pink Sky	Gulf	Bulk Wheat	26-11-79
25	Cheung Chau	U.E.P.	General	5-12-79
26	Belle	Kanoo	Steel/Pipes	7-12-79
4	Quellin	Gosabai	General	6-12-79
5	Maldive Carrier	Omri	General	7-12-79
17	Ion Bazzah	Kanoo	General	8-12-79
20	New Triumph	Gosabai	Cement In Bags	4-12-79
21	New Man	U.E.P.	Cement In Bags	27-11-79
19	New Excellence (D.B.)	Altabah	Bulk Cement	4-12-79
22	Ion Khalilian	Kanoo	Loading Empty Cont.	8-12-79
24	Pinu Apsar	S.M.C.	General	7-12-79
31	Lady of Lorraine	O.C.E.	Molten In Bags	8-12-79
32	Al Khalil	Kanoo	Live Sheep	8-12-79
33	Lefferts II	S.C.S.A.	Sugar In Bags	5-12-79
36	Polius (D.B.)	S.M.C.	Bulk Cement	21-12-79
37	Kahl Katana	Gosabai	Cement In Bags	26-11-79
38	President Laurel	Kanoo	Cement In Bags	5-12-79

BERTH	SHIP	AGENT	CARGO	ARRIVAL
2	RECENT ARRIVALS			
	Oriental Charger	Ourelali	Containers	8-12-79
	Ion Bazzah	Kanoo	Live Sheep	8-12-79
	Al Khalilian	Gosabai	General	8-12-79
	Quellin	Kanoo	To Load Empty Conts.	9-12-79



IN THE BALANCE: An electronic balance so precise that it can measure accurately the weight of a moving object like this mouse has been developed in Britain. The Alpha 22 uses the latest microprocessor technology with a light emitting diode (LED) readout. It will provide a reading in less than two seconds.

Despite Iran crisis

Market continues to rally

LONDON, Dec. 9 — The run in gold continued last week taking the Friday close up to \$430.40. Forward prices are predicting further rises as the price for future gold next June is in excess of \$500.

Silver was similarly quick to explore new high ground ending the week at 895.50p a rise of 29.9p.

This firmly rising price behavior in the precious metals has occupied against a background of similarly drastic changes on the currency front. Last Monday reports of continued strife in the Middle East caused a flight from the dollar into the less vulnerable European currencies, notably the Deutschmark to post the dollar at an all time low of DM. 1.70.

Against the Swiss franc the dollar bottomed at SWF 1.5635 and sterling rose to \$2.2130. The dollar recovered later in the week however.

In the equity markets, Wall Street fared much better than London. The Dow Jones industrial index, after dropping to 819.2 by last Monday's close and staged a firm rally with active trading for the rest of the week.

U.S. bonds also suffered an early setback but prices did not fully recover on the week.

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Bombed.....	(NT) 3.24	
Bovis.....	0.48 (NT)	
Bukit Lintang.....	(NT) (NT)	
Cycle & Carriage.....	3.02 3.04	

BONDS

Selection of Eurodebt updated when available from source.

Kuwait Bond Market and recent Kuwaiti Dinar Bond Issues updated when available from source.

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by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Cake
3 French author
4 Golf club
10 Sesame
11 Aerial
12 Seraglio
14 Substitute
15 Man's nickname
16 Townsman
17 Singular
18 Adorned
21 Franciscans, e.g.
23 Ray Danton portrayed him
27 Main artery
28 Hot drink
29 Actress
30 Storm
31 Wealthy
32 Trapped
33 Salt, Fr.
36 Yoko
37 Bill
40 Supervisor
42 Do badly
43 Ancestry
44 New Mexican
45 Painter's need
46 Scottish river
DOWN
1 School for puzzle makers

DOWN
2 Brown kiwi
3 Hurk
4 Deprived
5 Home of song
6 Opera highlight
7 Donkey talk
8 Lipstick shade
9 Geraint's love
10 In addition
11 Fixed charges
12 Hum
13 Cockney's cigarette
14 Opera
15 Whodunit
16 Get by
17 Sahara wanderer

Yesterday's Answer
1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50.

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B. Jay Becker

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♥ A J 4
♦ A 7
♣ A J 8 3

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♦ K Q 10 6 3
♣ 10 7

SOUTH
♠ A K Q J 10 7 2
♥ 10
♦ J 5
♣ K Q 4

The bidding:
1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass
3♦ Pass 4NT Pass
5♦ Pass 5NT Pass
6♦ Pass

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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE

Here's how to work it:
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CRYPTOQUOTES
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KSTGYI KZKEY KYI KKSPUJQ
QEBU EJ XUSU, QXU ZRTSL TA QXU
JUKJTYJ KYI QXU OSTMY TA
KRR QXU LUKSJ — OKSTRLY MURRJ
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| Fahim Pharmacy | Ajjayad | 28059 |
| RIYADH | | |
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| Al-Balsam Drug Store | Al-Khazzan St. | |
| DAMMAM | | |
| Al-Awad Drug Store | King's St. | 22983 |
| AL-KHOBAR | | |
| Al-Sabha Pharmacy | Prince Bandar St. | 45248 |

ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

| Monday | Fajr | Ishraq | Dhuhr | Asr | Maghreb | Isha |
|--------|------|--------|-------|------|---------|------|
| Mecca | 5:27 | 6:52 | 12:19 | 3:25 | 5:42 | 7:12 |
| Medina | 5:34 | 6:59 | 12:21 | 3:21 | 5:37 | 7:07 |
| Nejd | 4:59 | 6:28 | 11:47 | 2:48 | 5:04 | 6:34 |

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2:00 Opening
2:01 Holy Quran
2:05 Gems of Guidance
2:10 Champions of Solidarity
2:20 On Islam
2:30 Melody Time
3:00 NEWS
3:10 Press Review
3:15 Music
3:20 Arabic Song
3:30 A Selection of Music
3:40
3:50 Closedown

Evening Transmission
9:00 Opening
9:01 Holy Quran

9:05 Gems of Guidance
9:10 Light Music
9:15 A Chat and a Song
9:45 Pioneers of Knowledge
10:00 A Viewpoint
10:10 Music
10:15 NEWS
10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle
10:30 Dreamland
11:00 A Leaf on Life's Notebook
11:10 Music
11:15 In Concert
11:45 A Rendezvous With Dreams
12:00 Closedown

BBC

Morning Transmission
8:00 World News
8:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
8:30 Sarah Ward
8:45 World Today
9:00 Newsdesk
9:30 Opera Star

Evening Transmission
11:00 World News
11:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
11:30 Sarah Ward
11:45 Something to Show You
12:00 World News
12:09 Reflections
12:15 World Today
12:30 Brain of Britain 1978
12:40 World News
12:49 British Press Review
12:55 World Today
1:00 Financial News
1:40 Look Ahead
1:45 The Tony Myatt

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 4:30 Children's Show | Sesame Street No. 1188 |
| 6:06 Grizzly Adams | The Stranger |
| 6:59 Housecall | Sea Bell Safety |
| 7:17 Survival | NIH |
| 7:42 Secret War | Mud, Mud, Glorious Mud |
| 8:26 Switch | The Deadly Waves |
| 9:14 Against the Wind | Formula for Murder |
| | The Farmer's Friend |

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P.M.
8:00 News Roundup
8:05 Reports: Actualities
8:10 Opinion: Analyses
8:30 Dateline
8:35 News Summary
9:00 Special English: News
9:05 News: Feature, The Making of a Nation
9:10 News Summary
9:30 Music USA: (Standards)
10:00 News Roundup
10:05 Reports: Actualities
10:10 Opinion: Analyses

10:30 VOC Magazine: America: Science: Cultural: Letter
11:00 Special English: News
11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)

VOA WORLD REPORT
Midnight
12:00 News newsmakers' voices correspondents reports background features media comments news analyses.

Your Individual Horoscope

— Frances Drake

FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1979

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Initiative combined with luck makes for a career progress. A good time to begin new projects. Take pride in achievement.

Taurus (Apr. 20 to May 20) Children a source of joy. Plan a special evening with a loved one. Don't be shy. Act on your feelings. Confidence brings luck.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Make important domestic decisions. Apartment hunters will have luck. All home-based activities are up favored. Be bold but not bossy.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21) Be more aggressive than is your custom. Make the first step and luck follows. Confidence on the upswing. Spread joy!

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 22) Financial luck could come your way. An investment pays off. Don't fritter away newly acquired resources. Be resourceful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Act on your feelings. Express the self you want others to see. A compliment may come your way. Go after what your heart desires.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Air peace with yourself, you're at peace with the world. Do something for others now, esp those less fortunate. Become involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Take a more active interest in social life. A new contact benefits you financially. Speak out at community affairs. Be available.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Career progress for go-getters. Your personality an asset in all you do now. Some of you receive recognition or a promotion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Make travel plans. Expand your horizons. Luck in dealings with agents, publishers, and school authorities. A time to grow in understanding.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) An investment opportunity could come your way, perhaps through a friend. Some receive an unexpected dividend or bonus.

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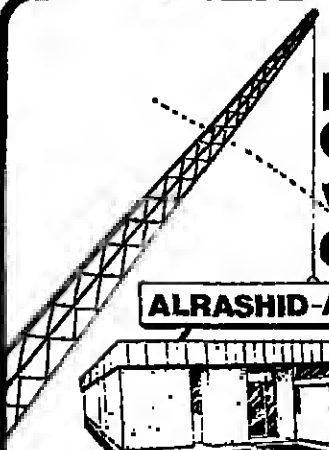
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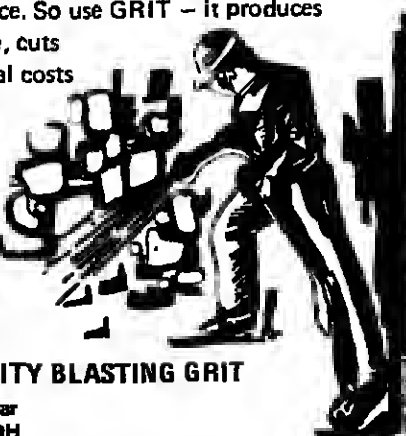
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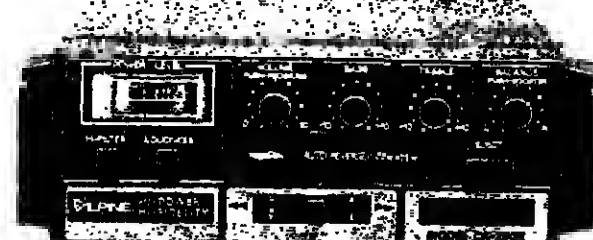
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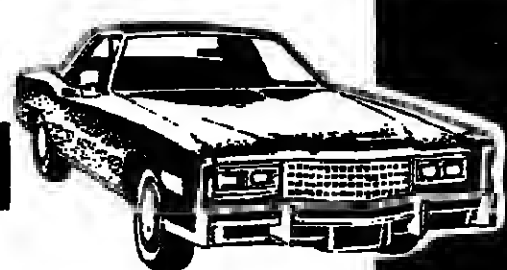
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International

NATO seen deploying U.S. missiles despite Dutch assembly refusal

BRUSSELS, Dec. 9 (AP) — Despite the Dutch parliament's rejection of the proposed deployment of U.S.-made nuclear missiles in Europe, the weapons are expected to be given the go-ahead at a meeting here this week of NATO defense and foreign ministers.

"I don't think it (the proposal for 572 medium-range atomic missiles) can be stopped," one senior alliance official said here after the vote in the Dutch parliament.

"The decision is going to go through." The statement reflects general confidence at NATO headquarters here that Washington's major allies realize the importance of balancing Moscow's deployment of more than 120 SS-20 missiles to date. "It will clearly be a historical decision," added the NATO official. The decision is expected to be made Wednesday afternoon at a special joint meeting of the defense and foreign ministers of the Atlantic Alliance.

Although the Dutch government hasn't yet said what its position will be Wednesday, the alliance makes it clear it can proceed with the production and deployment of the missiles without The Hague.

The missiles are supported by Britain, West Germany and Italy, three important host nations. Late Friday, Belgian Foreign Affairs Minister Henri Simonet said in parliament that Belgium must go along, too, if it is to remain a full member of the Western alliance.

"We either remain the Atlantic alliance and accept all the consequences or ... We'll have to leave NATO," he said in a two-hour address. "We cannot follow a neutral course and maintain an autonomous position within NATO."

It was Simonet's strongest statement of support to date, though the Belgian cabinet has not yet officially made up its mind. A parliamentary vote here is expected in the next few days.

After his speech in parliament, Simonet said Belgian support for the weapons can still be made conditional on a temporary delay in the deployment of the missiles to facilitate arms talks with Moscow. Such a move, if it comes, will doubtlessly be vigorously opposed on Wednesday.

The first of the missiles is not expected to be deployed until 1983 at the earliest. From then on, it will take another eight years before all of the 464 Cruise and 108 Pershing 2 missiles will be in place.

"If we delay a decision, for instance, or make concessions, we would only be inviting demands for still further softening our position," a British official said.

Britain has been pushing particularly hard for the missiles, something that gave Defense Minister Sir Francis Pym the sobriquet of "Tomahawk Pym." "Tomahawk" is the code name for the Cruise missile.

Proponents of the missiles, led by the United States and Britain, are preparing for two possible outcomes on Wednesday. If Holland refuses to accept its allotment of missiles on its soil, the other allies will simply move ahead without them.

If Holland, vetoes the entire plan, the

weapons could still be produced and deployed outside of NATO. In that extreme case, the countries that would house the missiles would negotiate a series of agreements with Washington for their production and deployment.

The following countries have been designated as bases for the proposed missiles, with their individual allotment of cruise missiles: Britain, 160, West Germany, 112, Italy, 90, Belgium, 48, and Holland, 48.

If the Dutch government rejects the missiles on Wednesday, Holland's quota will be distributed among the other countries. West Germany will base all of the proposed 108 Pershing 2 missiles, under the NATO plan.

The Danes, Norwegians and Icelanders also have misgivings about the NATO proposal. They prefer to take up Moscow's offer to begin "businesslike negotiations" on reducing weaponry in Europe before any new arms are deployed.

But NATO insists there will be ample time for that since there will be a three-year delay before the first missile is in place. They point out its proposal allows for the arms control talks that Moscow has suggested.

"The missiles proposal includes an arms control element that gives a clear signal to begin such negotiations," one source at the Alliance's headquarters here said.

Although the Dutch parliament's vote against the missiles is seen as a serious setback for the government of Christian Democrat Premier Andries van Agt, it will also have consequences for NATO.

Although they say the vote will not change the outcome of Wednesday's decision, NATO officials privately hoped for the broadest possible support for their missiles to show Moscow that the Western alliance is cohesive.

If the Dutch reject the missiles, it will be the second time they will not have participated in a NATO arms package in two years. Last year the Dutch vigorously opposed the neutron bomb, the production of which was subsequently deferred by President Carter.

The Soviet communist party newspaper *Pravda* denounced "some politicians and light-fingered journalists" Sunday for trying to make opposition to new American rockets in Europe appear Soviet-directed.

The newspaper, in its weekly international review, cited opposition by Norwegian, Danish and Dutch government leaders to the proposed decision next week to authorize deployment of the missiles on NATO territory.

The paper said Soviet proposals to hold immediate talks on reducing medium-range missiles on the continent "are now being supported by representatives of the most diverse political forces in Western Europe — from the communists to numerous bourgeois parties."

"The attempts ... to portray the present large-scale movement of protest against deployment of new U.S. missiles in Europe as 'campaign directed from Moscow' won't hold water in light of these facts," *Pravda* said.

Rhodesian warplanes strike Mozambique, Zambia bases

SALISBURY, Dec. 9 (Agencies) — Zimbabwe Rhodesia Air Force jets Sunday pounded Patriotic Front guerrilla targets in Zambia and Mozambique, despite ceasefire talks under way in London.

The raids were announced in two communiqués from military headquarters here. The first mentioned only the raids into Zambia.

A second communiqué, issued several hours later, said attacks on Joshua Nkomo's ZIPRA (Zimbabwe Revolutionary Peoples Army) just inside Zambia had continued throughout the day.

"A major ZANLA (Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army) terrorist staging base in Mozambique was also attacked today," the second communiqué said.

There was no immediate word of casualties from the strike, the fourth of its kind since talks to end Zimbabwe Rhodesia's seven-year bush war started in London over three months ago.

A military communiqué said the attack was aimed at a build-up of Joshua Nkomo's ZIPRA (Zimbabwe Revolutionary Peoples Army) wing of the Patriotic Front alliance "just inside Zambia." The communiqué did not specify the precise location of the attacks.

Hundreds of people on their way to Sunday morning church services in Salisbury saw the jets return, one of them, a British-built Can-

berra wiggling its wings in a victory sign.

The communiqué said the raids were launched after intelligence reports that the guerrillas were still trying to infiltrate as many people as possible into Zimbabwe Rhodesia and step up the fighting.

"All targets were purely terrorist bases which did not contain any refugees or Zambian forces," the communiqué said. Zambia, one of the frontline states, backing the guerrillas, provides bases and other facilities for Nkomo's Soviet-backed forces and is no friend of Muzorewa.

In a weekend speech the bishop singled out his northern neighbor for attack as a "banana republic whose people had embarked upon excessive drinking and the driving of vehicles without licences ... that is but one example of the path Zambia has chosen, leading to almost total self-destruction," he told students in the central town of Kwekwe that Zimbabwe Rhodesia should avoid this example.

Since the beginning of this year Salisbury's forces have launched about 30 attacks into neighboring countries to strike at the Patriotic Front, jointly led by Nkomo and Mozambique-based Robert Mugabe.

But after the start of the London talks both sides in the war have stepped up military operations.

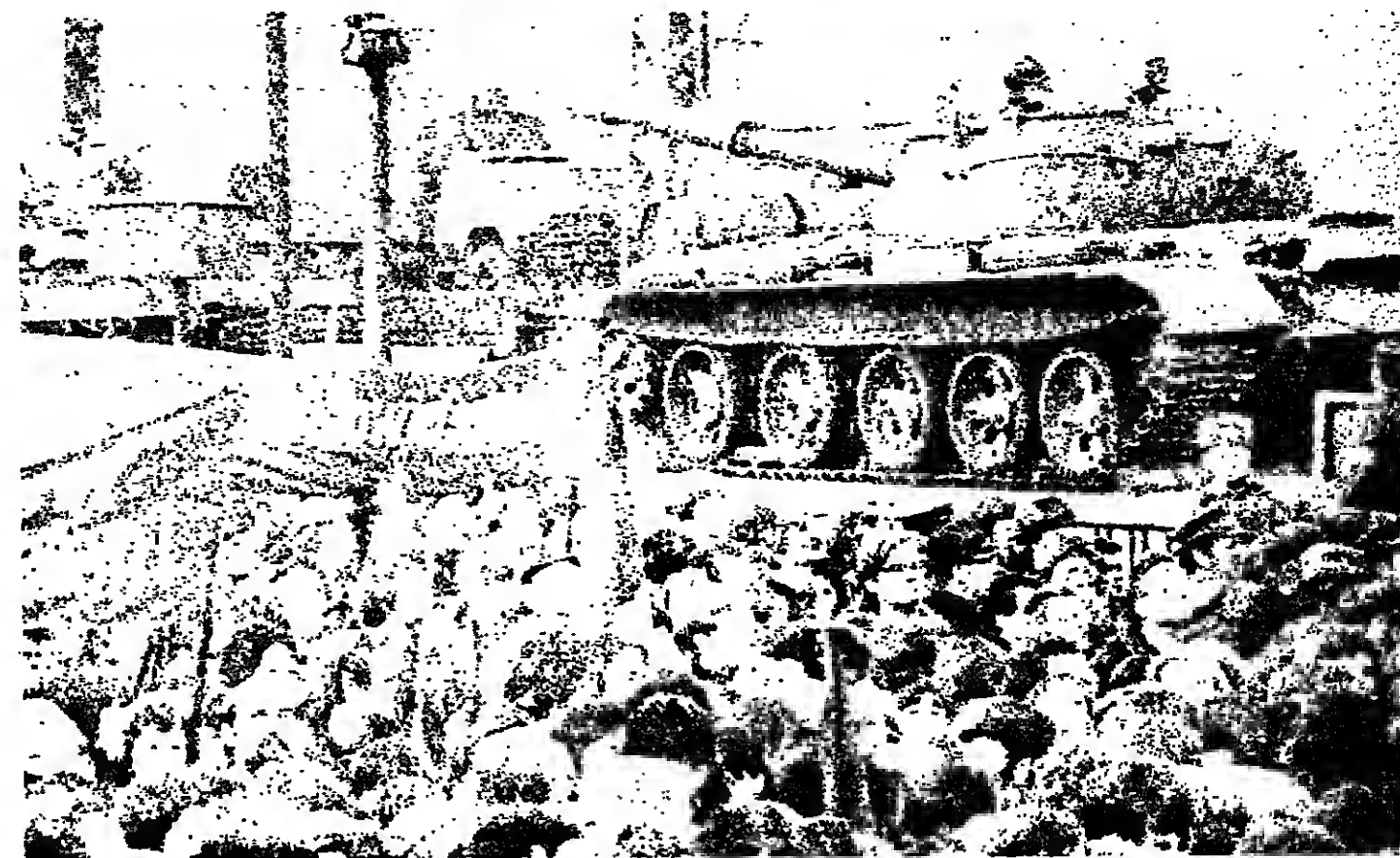
Crossing in rubber boats, Nkomo's ZIPRA forces have infiltrated thousands of guerrillas from Zambia into this country across the Zambezi river and the man-made Lake Kariba that forms the 450-mile border between the hostile neighbors.

Informed sources said recently that groups of up to 300 ZIPRA guerrillas had been sighted crossing into Zimbabwe Rhodesia as part of a final push for position in anticipation of a settlement in London.

India Test drawn

NEW DELHI, Dec. 9 (AP) — The second cricket test between India and Pakistan ended in a draw Sunday. The highlight of the last day's play was an unbeaten 146 by Dilip Vengsarkar of India.

Final Scores: Pakistan 273 and 242. India 126 and 364 for 6.



WITTEBBERG: A Soviet T-62 tank on a flatcar leaves Wittenberg railway station last week in front of a crowd of about 1,000 East Germans. The Dutch parliament says such a gesture was an indication of Moscow's readiness to negotiate which should not be jeopardized by new European arms.

A humble Nobel laureate

Mother Teresa sees prize as divine gift

OSLO, Dec. 9 (AP) — Mother Teresa, 69-year-old Albanian-born nun, arrived here Saturday night to receive the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize for her work with the destitute of Calcutta and for other poor people throughout the world.

She stepped into the bitter Nordic cold wearing no socks in her sandals and with her thin Indian sari covered only by a black sweater.

Mother Teresa told a crowded press conference that the Nobel Peace Prize, which she will receive during a ceremony on Monday, was a gift of God.

"... It is a gift of God not only for the greater glory of his name, but by giving it to me, the whole world as well as the Norwegian people have recognized that the work of love is the work for peace."

Mother Teresa was accompanied by her

brother and by two other nuns, Sisters Agnes and Getrud, who joined her many years ago in the work among the poorest of the poor in Calcutta many years ago.

"My gratitude is very deep and sincere, because they have acknowledged our people. All we do is to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and give a home to the homeless."

She said her organization, Missionaries of Charity whose headquarters is in Calcutta, had homes and compassion for the poor in five continents.

"In their name I thank the Norwegian Nobel Committee for having chosen me for the prize. I am unworthy personally, but I am glad the prize has been given to the poor of the world."

Mother Teresa said she would use the money, 830,000 crowns (\$ 197,000) "to make beautiful homes for the poor, the

unwanted and unloved."

Europe Prize

President Constantine Tsatsos of Greece was Saturday named 1980 Laureate of an international prize for services to European unity.

The European Coudenhove-Kalergi Prize, awarded every two years, was established in honor of the Austro-Hungarian count who founded the Pan-European Union in 1923.

Announcing the 1980 prize, the Coudenhove-Kalergi foundation said President Tsatsos would receive the gold medal at a ceremony here early next year, probably at the end of March.

The first award, made in 1978, went to Prime Minister Raymond Barre.

Count Coudenhove-Kalergi is buried in Gstaad.



FAREWELL: Mother Teresa is seen off in Calcutta on Dec. 5 by her friends and workers. She arrived in Oslo to accept the Nobel Peace Prize.

Insurgents in hiding

Brief rebellion crushed on Grenadine isle

KINGSTOWN, St. Vincent, Dec. 9 (AP) — Police scouted tiny Union Island in the Caribbean Sunday for a fugitive band of rebels after crushing their short-lived uprising.

One of the insurgents was killed Friday night when police stormed ashore from a neighboring island. Five others were arrested but more than 20 rebels fled.

The fate of their leader, named as Lemus "bumbo" Charles, was not known.

According to some of the 4,000 inhabitants on Union Island, Charles was the leader of a Rastafarian group, a cult that worships the late Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie and has called for repatriation to Africa.

The group accused foreigners in a recent article of exploiting union island and described it as being underdeveloped and

neglected.

The island is one of 18 in the straggling Grenadine chain, administered from St. Vincent.

The revolt began two days after elections in which Prime Minister Milton Cato was overwhelmingly re-elected.

Cato Friday night imposed a state of emergency and a dusk-to-dawn curfew throughout the Grenadines, which gained their independence from Britain only last month.

The uprising was the fifth major armed rebellion in the English-speaking Caribbean in the last 12 years. It followed the only successful coup nine months ago when Sir Eric Gairy was overthrown in Grenada.

In the Barbadian capital of Bridgetown, nine Caribbean governments condemned the

rebellion on Union Island and pledged support for Cato.

Barbados itself sent a contingent from its defense force to police St. Vincent in response to an appeal for help.

Cato also asked Britain and the United States Friday for military assistance.

The uprising began when insurgents seized the police station and airstrip on Union Island, which lies 45 miles south of St. Vincent.

A rebel group also crossed to neighboring Palm Island, police said, apparently to seize it or to prevent police from landing. But the group was repelled by a resident firing a revolver.

About 40 police eventually crossed the few hundred yards from Prune Island and braved rebel fire to storm the beach.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

Nine months after a breakdown in Israeli electricity supplies, the graph of births suddenly shot up. This piece of news did not specify whether the increase held also for the Arab population there, or whether the improved performance was purely Jewish.

But the fact is that the Palestinians inside Israel, mainly in Galilee, have already proved that they need no electricity breakdown to multiply. After 1948, when the majority of the Palestinian people went into exile, the Palestinians of that area became a small minority. But now they are again a majority, with the result that the Israeli government is already thinking of building settlements there so that a Jewish majority is restored.

Palestinians in exile used to ask their brethren in Galilee about the secret of their fertility. Was it simply natural "zest for life" or a planned patriotic policy? Galileans simply laughed, and answered cryptically, "We don't have television." But television soon came to Galilee, with the birth rate showing no signs of slowing. Clearly either Galileans did not really take to T.V. or they had their time better organized.

The most celebrated demonstration of the negative correlation between the birth rate and electricity supply was of course provided by the electricity break in New York a few years ago, when, nine months after the event, hospitals were inundated with expectant mothers and distraught fathers. But the really intriguing birth rate story comes from humbler surroundings.

It seems that a little village in the United States was always known to have a birth rate considerably above the national average. Experts were baffled, and various study projects were made to know the reason. (The electricity supply, one imagines, was the first thing they checked.) All to no avail.

Finally, it was learned that the village had a goods train running right through it, and that it passed daily at about four in the morning, waking everyone up, and contributing directly to the exploding birth rate.

It is strange that countries like France and the Soviet Union, with constant worry about their birthrates, with medals and prizes given to mothers who bring into the world an over the average number of children, have not yet cottoned on to this simple way of letting the number of births rocket.

Dear Leonid, Dear Giscard. Simply drive all available trains — tooting madly, of course — all over the country at four in the morning. Make sure you cut all electricity supplies before hand. Then sit back (or don't sit back...) and watch the citizenry increase.

The Legion of Honor and the Lenin Prize by return post please.

Translated from Ashraf Al Awasat

Wasia plan treatment facility awarded

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 9 — Minister of Agriculture and Water Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheik Sunday awarded a SR261 million contract for the treatment plant and power station in the Wasia Aquifer project.

SPA reported from Riyadh that the contract went to three specialized companies. They were not named. It calls for the plant to be completed in 33 months, with the associated establishment of administrative office workshops, equipment stores, pumps and water collection tanks. Saudis must be trained in operation and maintenance both on site and in the home countries of each company.

The plant will treat 52 million gallons of groundwater a day, drawn from the aquifer reservoir of historic water lying below the Eastern Province. It will then be pumped 110 kilometers to Riyadh. It will cost a total SR 2 billion, and water is expected to come on stream in 1981. The first phase will have 26 million gallons a day flowing into the capital.

The Wasia water is extremely brackish and as older and less wholesome water eventually drawn up the treatment plant which the contract went out Sunday may have to be replaced by a reverse osmosis desalination facility. That, though, will depend on the Jubail pipeline, as plans have specified that the 175 million gallons a day it will provide should be mixed with Wasia water.

The consultants are Sir M. MacDonald and Partners of Britain, who produced all designs and detailed engineering studies for the project.